

PANDORA THE SCHEIL GHOST URN

A detailed illustration of Pandora, a character with pink skin, large dark red cat-like ears, and a white ruffled collar with a yellow circular ornament. She has a blue eye and a red eye. Her back is open, revealing a complex mechanical and biological structure with a central spine-like column of gears and various wires (red, blue, green) extending from it. The background is a light green and white hexagonal pattern.

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GHOST URN-EPISODE.log — The story so far!

Nene and Clarion have been safely reunited in the Geofront, but now they have to face off against a combat android called Fear, unleashed by Colonel Kurtz--and originally provided by **Poseidon**, a mysterious group of multinational enterprises!

After Kurtz breaks through the firewalls protecting Buer's cherished photo collection, Buer goes on a rampage, unable to bear the shame of his treasures being subject to public display. Meanwhile, Captain Altman and the Cenacle police arrive to arrest Kurtz, and amid the chaos, Clarion and Nene successfully take Fear down...but their problems are far from over!

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GHOST URN CHARACTERS — Main Characters

■ Nanakorobi Nene

A girl whose brain was implanted into an entirely artificial body after an accident when she was young. Nene has one of the few full-body prosthetics in the world!



■ Clarion

A combat android originally owned by Uzal. Clarion and Nene were brought together during the initial incident with Buer.



■ Uzal Delilah

The mysterious Uzal (real name: Sahar Schehera) is a well-known international businesswoman, but she has plenty of secrets. She vanished during the chaos when Buer ran wild.



■ Korobase Takumi

Age unknown. She heads up the Korabase Foundation, which controls cybrain marketing, but has a pathological fear of people.



■ Massive boring machine Buer: Central Nervous Unit

The central control unit for the large multi-legged boring machine Buer. As Buer's actual body is currently dormant underground, the central nervous unit is accompanying Nene. This pompous-sounding entity provides a constant stream of perverted, leering commentary.



■ VlindXX XXXX

A perky, enthusiastic freelance reporter who dreams of taking her place among the top idols *and* the top reporters in the world! Dragging her two staffers in her wake, she's working hard to conquer mass media.



■ Colonel Ian Kurtz

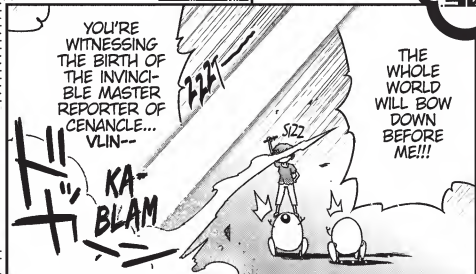
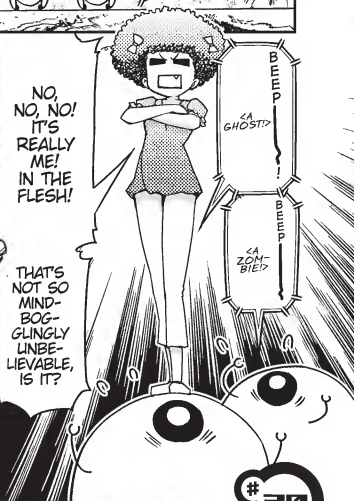
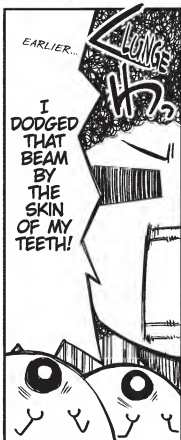
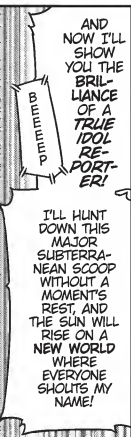
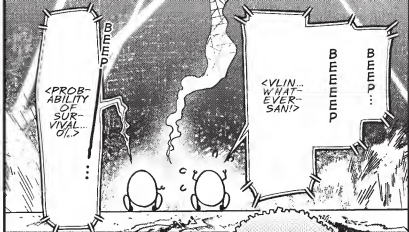
A member of the American Imperial army. Since encountering a mysterious organization called Poseidon, he's been carrying out his plans on their behalf.



■ Captain Robert Altman

A captain with the Cenande Defense Forces, currently under the command of Special Military Advisor Kurtz. A passionate tough guy who loves justice and peace.



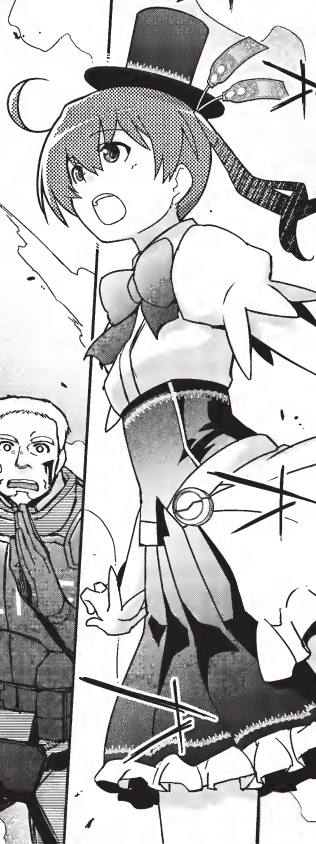




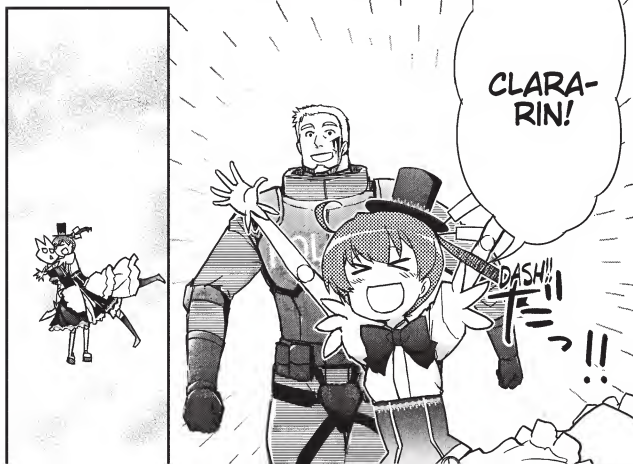
YOU...

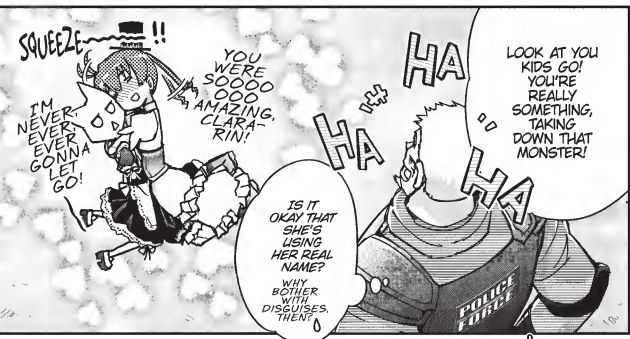
ARE
NOT
FEAR.





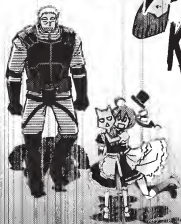


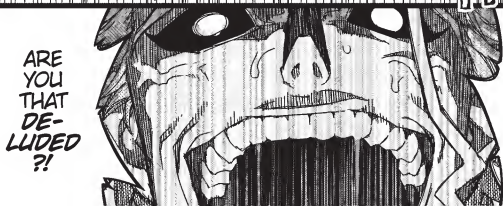
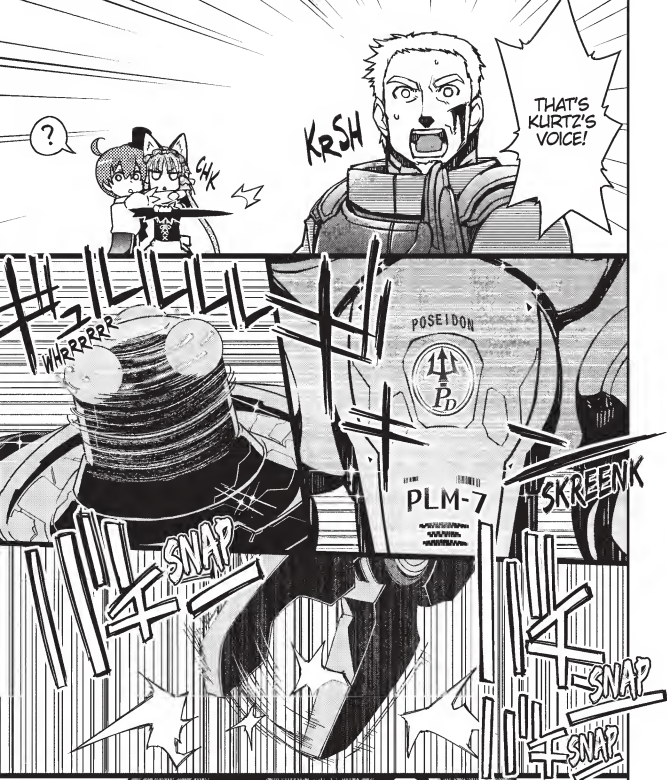




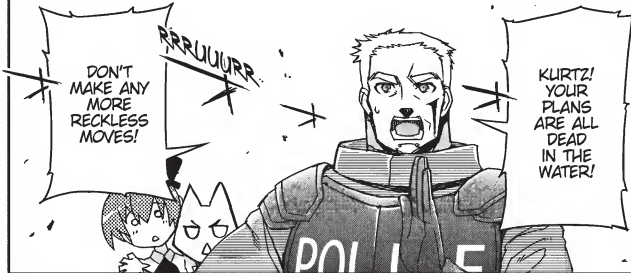
NOT
SO
FAST
--!!!

KWHAAAM





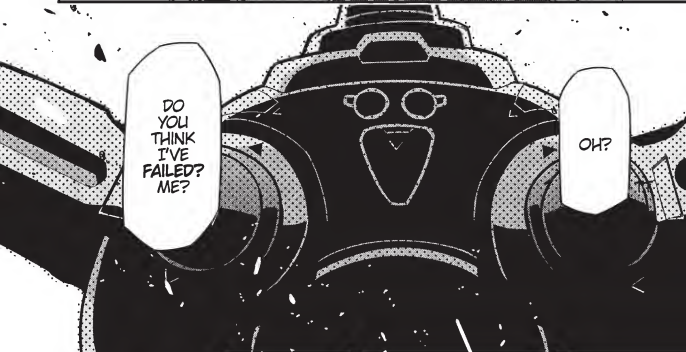
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D WON?!



DON'T
MAKE ANY
MORE
RECKLESS
MOVES!

RRUUURR

KURTZ!
YOUR
PLANS
ARE ALL
DEAD
IN THE
WATER!



DO
YOU
THINK
I'VE
FAILED?
ME?

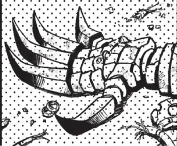
OH?

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
ANY OF
THAT
MATTERS?

BECAUSE
I NO
LONGER
HAVE MY
INCOMPETENT
SUBORDI-
NATES?



BECAUSE
MY
BODYGUARD
PUPPET
IS IN
RUINS?



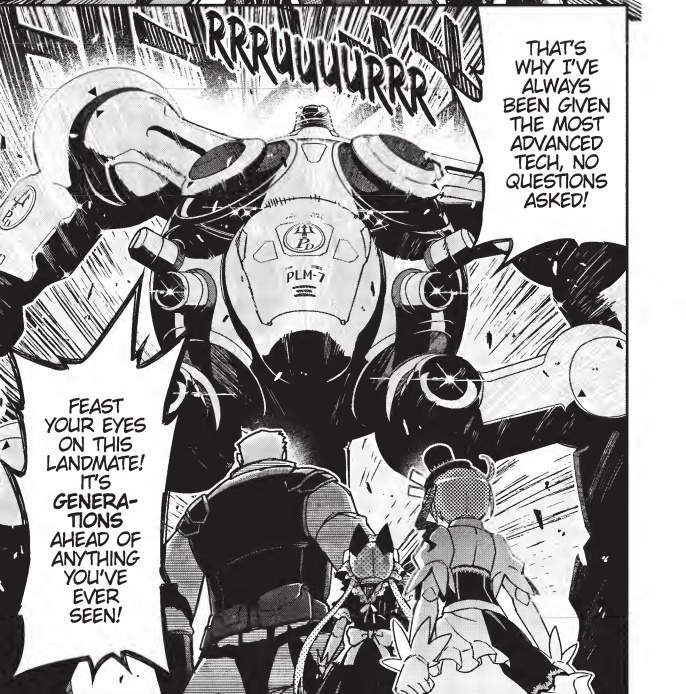
BECAUSE
I
COULDN'T
CONTROL
BLUER?





AND MY
BRIL-
LIANCE
IS ALL
POSEIDON
NEEDS!

I AM
IAN
KURTZ!



RRRRUUURRR

THAT'S
WHY I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN GIVEN
THE MOST
ADVANCED
TECH, NO
QUESTIONS
ASKED!

FEAST
YOUR EYES
ON THIS
LANDMATE!
IT'S
GENERA-
TIONS
AHEAD OF
ANYTHING
YOU'VE
EVER
SEEN!

WITH SUCH
SCIENTIFIC
MIGHT
AT ITS
DISPOSAL...

POSEIDON
WILL
ACHIEVE
WORLD
PEACE!

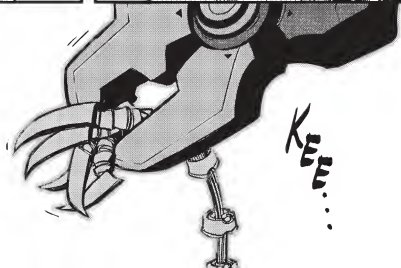


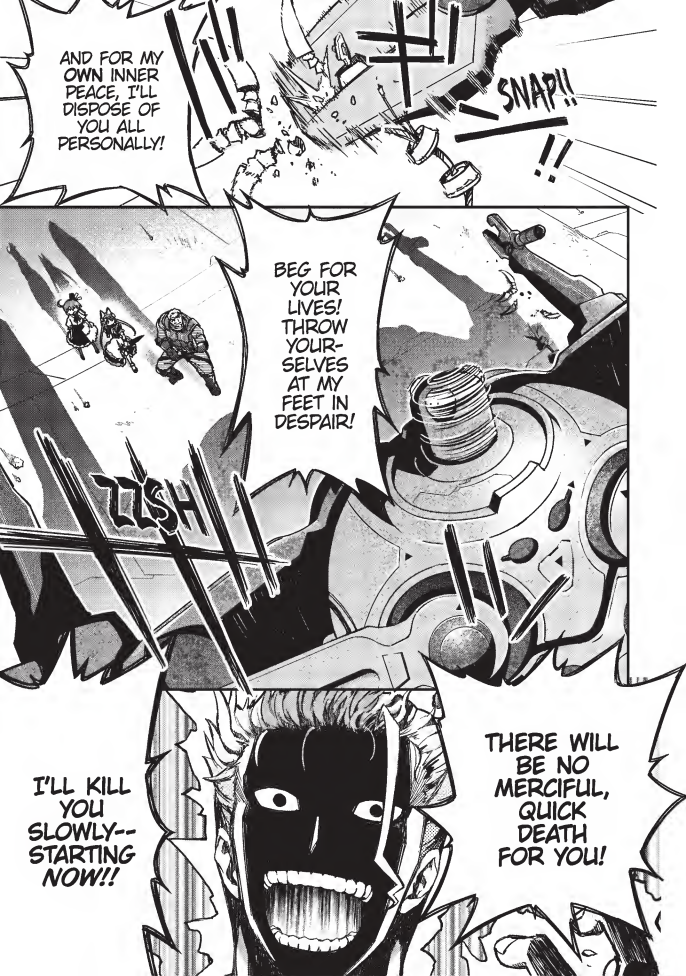
I'M
GOING
TO
CLEAN
UP
THIS
MESS.



BUT
FIRST...

FOR YOUR
CRIME OF
REJECTING
THE GOD OF
THE NEW
WORLD...





AND FOR MY
OWN INNER
PEACE, I'LL
DISPOSE OF
YOU ALL
PERSONALLY!

SNAP!!

BEG FOR
YOUR
LIVES!
THROW
YOUR-
SELVES
AT MY
FEET IN
DESPAIR!

UUSH

I'LL KILL
YOU
SLOWLY--
STARTING
NOW!!

THERE WILL
BE NO
MERCIFUL,
QUICK
DEATH
FOR YOU!



Ian Kurtz



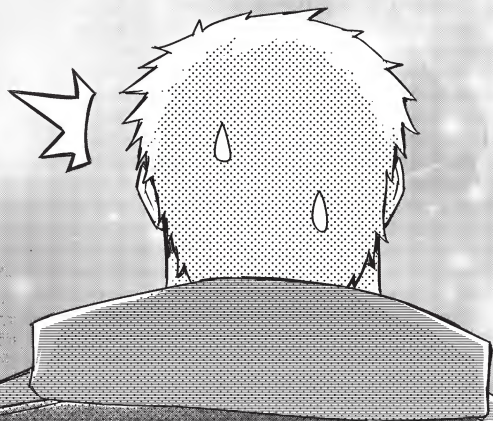
Nene Nanakorobi

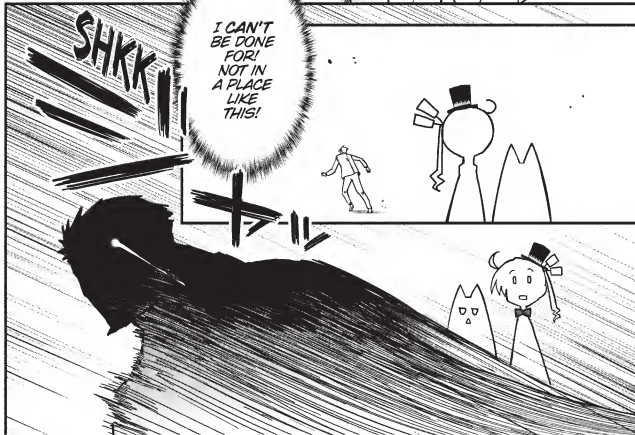
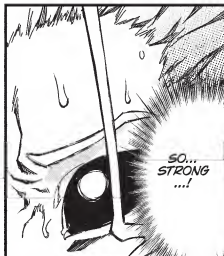


Perfect
None Win

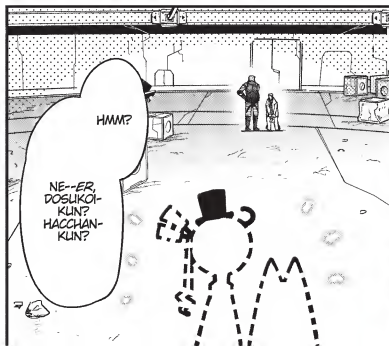
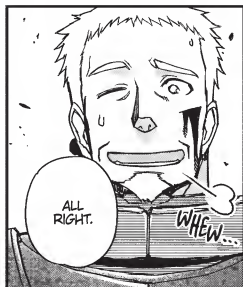


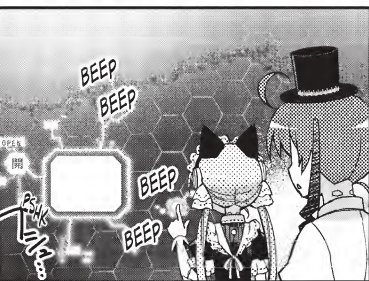
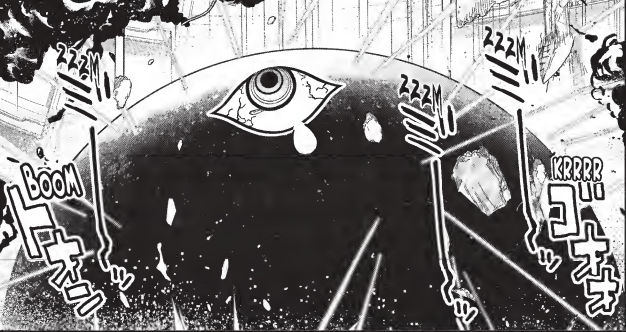
SICK
Hacking
ハッキング
ROTATION
OK









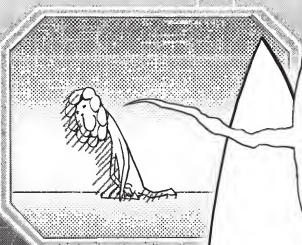




WE
WISH TO
BECOME
A
SHELL-
FISH...

OPEN

開



OUR
DELICATE
HEART OF
BULLET-
PROOF
GLASS LIES
SHATTERED
IN A
MILLION
PIECES...

OUR SWEET
SECRETS
HAVE BEEN
DISSEMI-
NATED
AROUND
THE
WORLD...



WE DO
NOT
WISH TO
WORK!
WE WILL
STAY
LOCKED
AWAY
OUR
ENTIRE
LIFE!

SO
LONG
AS WE
HAVE
THE
NET,
WE
SHALL
SURVIVE!

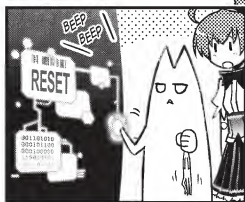
HENCE-
FORTH,
INTO
ETER-
NITY,
WE
SHALL
DWELL
IN THIS
DARK-
NESS!

KICK FLAIL

KICK



BLIER-SAN,
DON'T
TALK
THAT
WAY.
COME
ON
OUT.

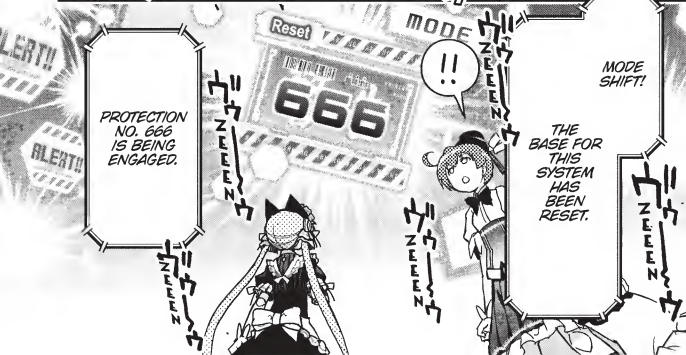
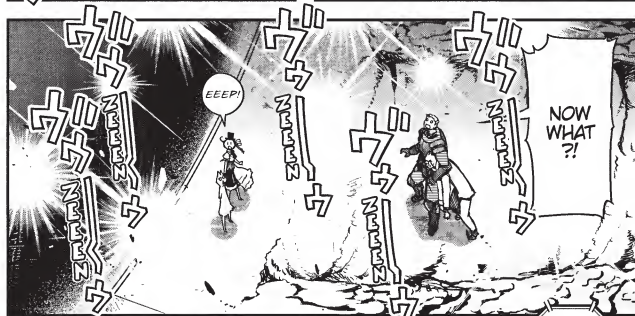


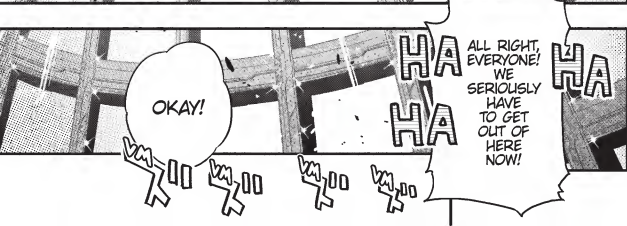
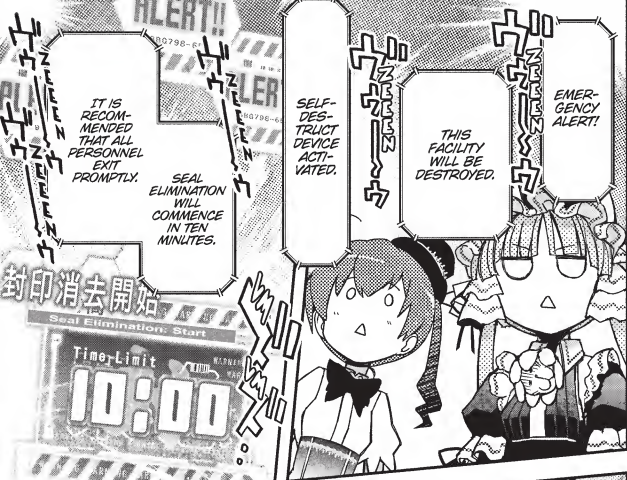
YOU
JUST
SAID
YOU'D
DO
ANY-
THING!



BLIER IS
STABLE
NOW.
THE
ISLAND
IS
SAFE.







BA-DING



I DON'T
GET WHAT'S
GOING ON,
BUT MY
SCOOP-
SENSE IS
TINGLING!
YAY!



HMM?

CLARA-
RIN!
THIS
WAY!

BEEP! BEEP!
<THIS
<THIS
IS
BAD!>
BAD!>



I CAN'T
MAKE
OUT
THEIR
FACES...

STARE

MAID
UNIFORMS
AGAIN?
I'VE SEEN
THEM
SOME-
WHERE...

BEEP!

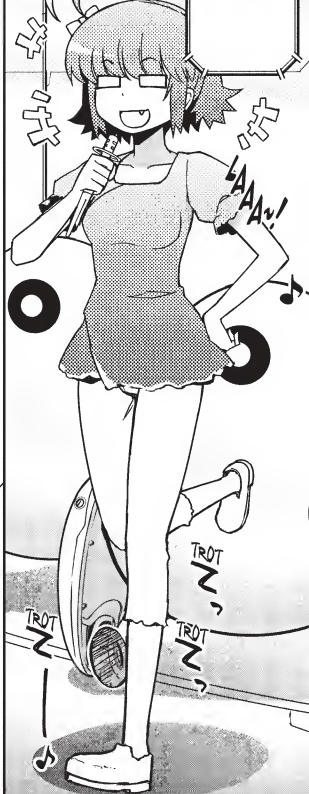
BEEP!



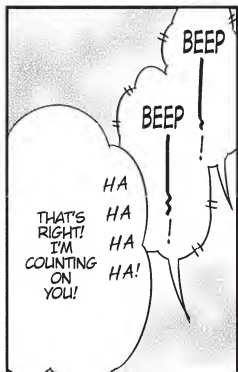
LA
LA
TRA

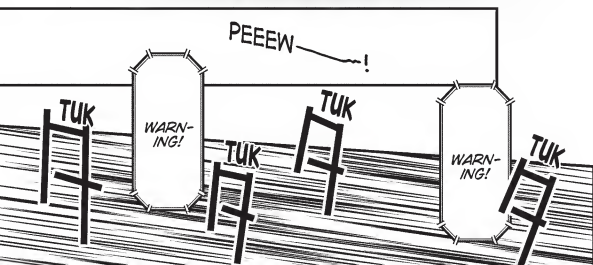
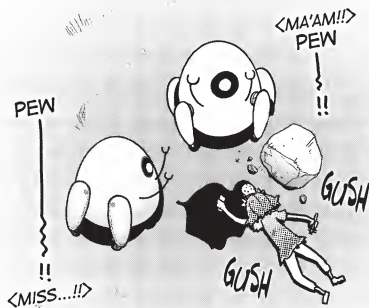
PROTECTION
NO. 666
IS BEING
ENGAGED.

OH!

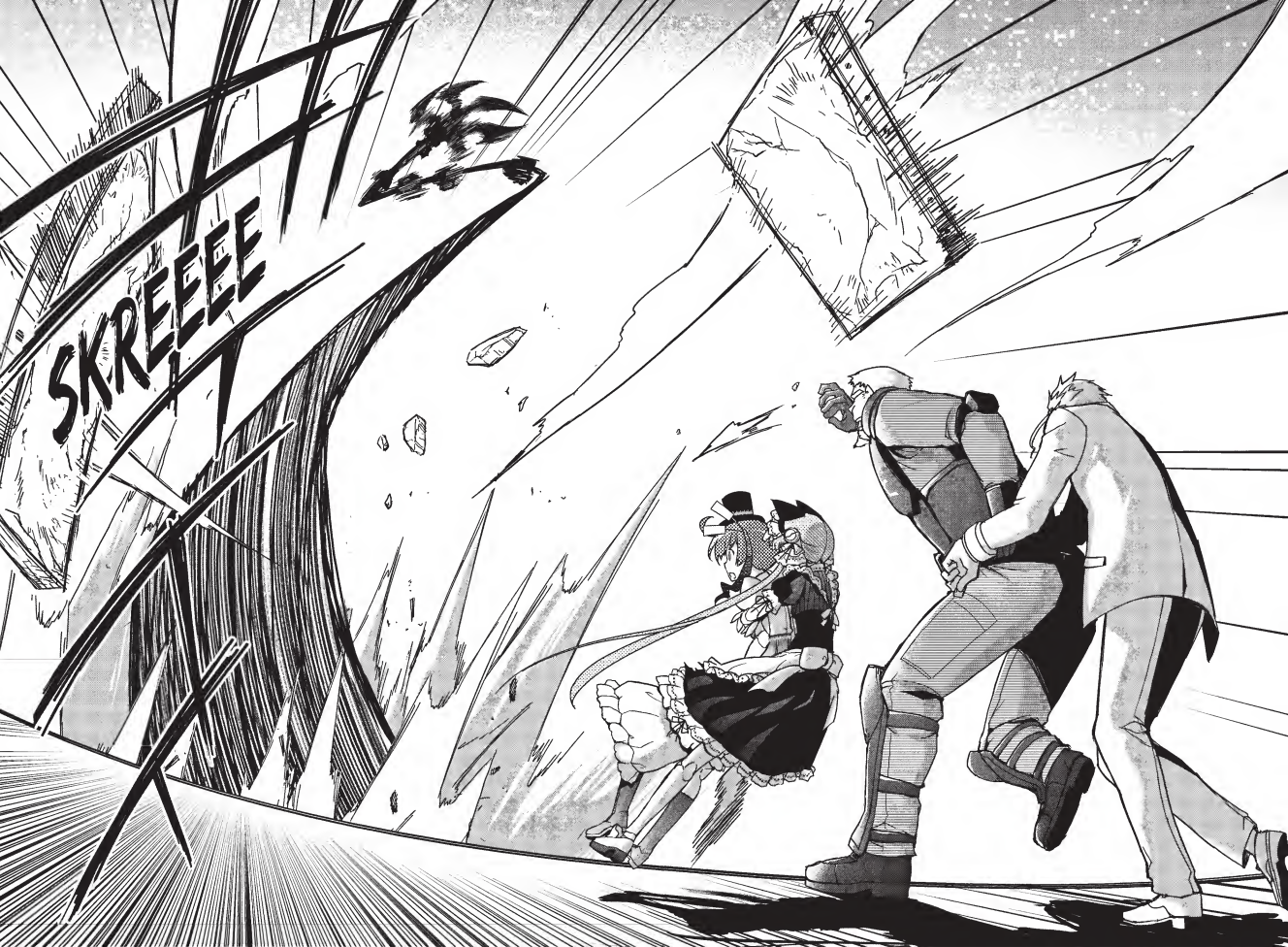










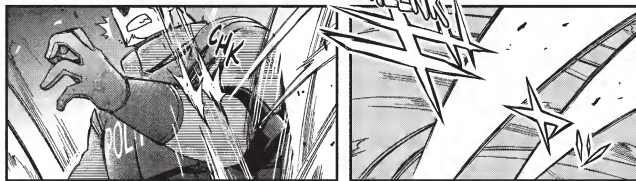




IT'S
STILL
OPERATIONAL
?!

FEAR
--!

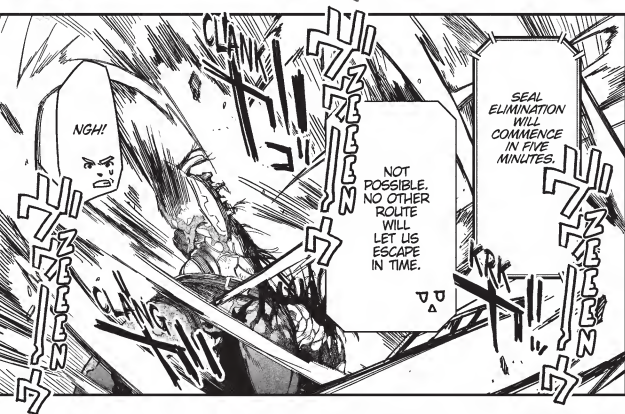






WE'LL
HAVE TO
FIND A
DIFFER-
ENT
ROUTE!

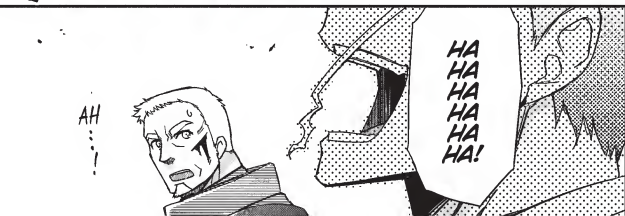
WE
NEED
TO
RETREAT!



NGH!

NOT
POSSIBLE.
NO OTHER
ROUTE
WILL
LET US
ESCAPE
IN TIME.

SEAL
ELIMINATION
WILL
COMMENCE
IN FIVE
MINUTES.



AH
...

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!



KILL
THEM
ALL,
FEAR!

KURTZ!

HA HA HA!
THAT'S
RIGHT, FEAR!
YOU'D
NEVER BE
DEFEATED
SO
EASILY!

IT'S
DANGER-
OUS!
GET
BACK
HERE!

DASH



WE
HAVE
TO
GET
PAST
FEAR
SOME-
HOW.

WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME
TO
GO
CHASING
AFTER
KURTZ!

MY
EYES...
MY
EYEEES
!!!!

CLENCH

I
HAVE
TO
AT
LEAST
GET
NE--ER,
DOSUKOI-
KUN AND
HACCHAN-
KUN OUT!

NGH
...!

KURTZ!
DON'T!
COME
BACK!



NENE,
I
HAVE
A
REQUEST!

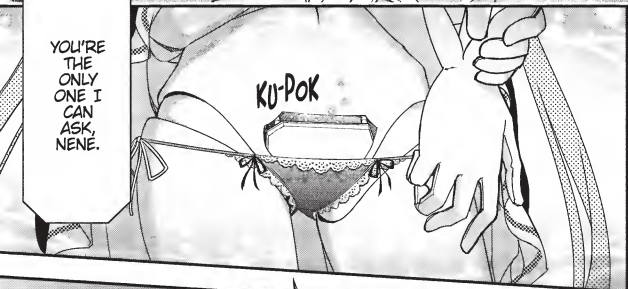
CLARA-
RIN...





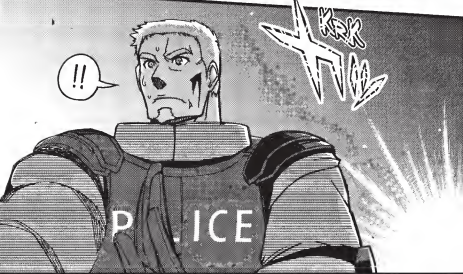
TIME
...?

I WANT
YOU TO
BUY
THREE
MINUTES
OF
TIME.



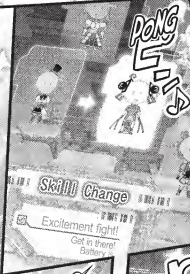
YOU'RE
THE
ONLY
ONE I
CAN
ASK,
NENE.

KU-POK



!!

POLICE





**KARATE
MASTER!!**

**ELPIS
SERIES
DECODE!**

HERE
HE
COMES!

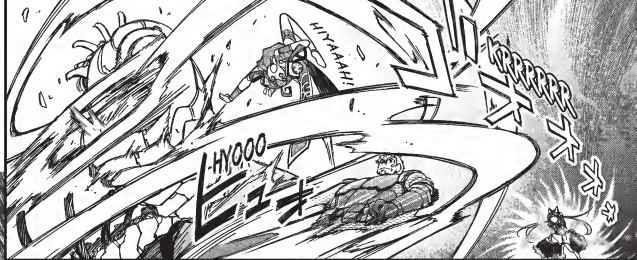
CLARA-RIN
WANTS US TO
KEEP FEAR
OCCUPIED FOR
THREE
MINUTES.

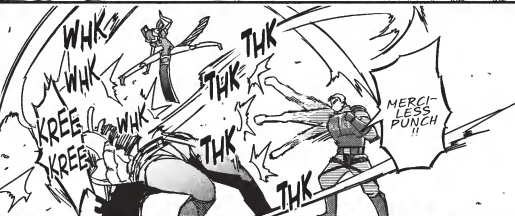
NE--ER,
DOSUKOI-
KUN!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
WEAR-
ING?

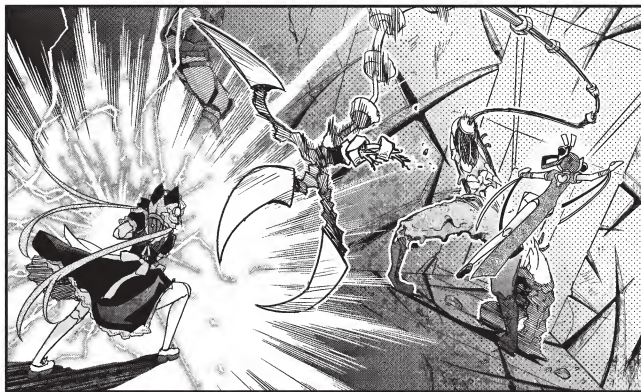
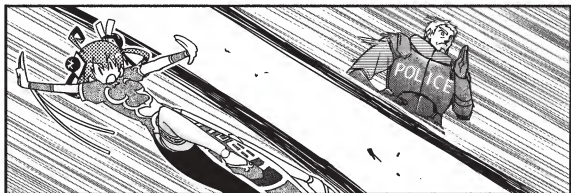
!!
GOT IT!
THREE
MINUTES!
RIGHT!

SHE
HAS
SOME
KIND
OF
PLAN,
HUH?

POLICE
FORCE







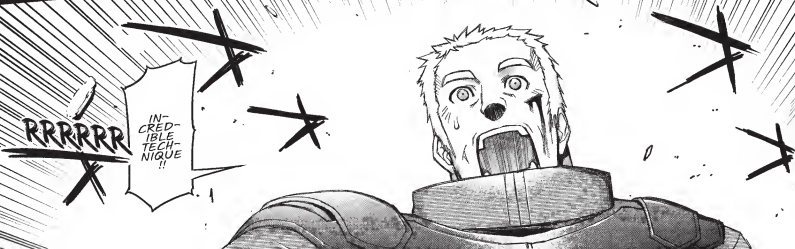
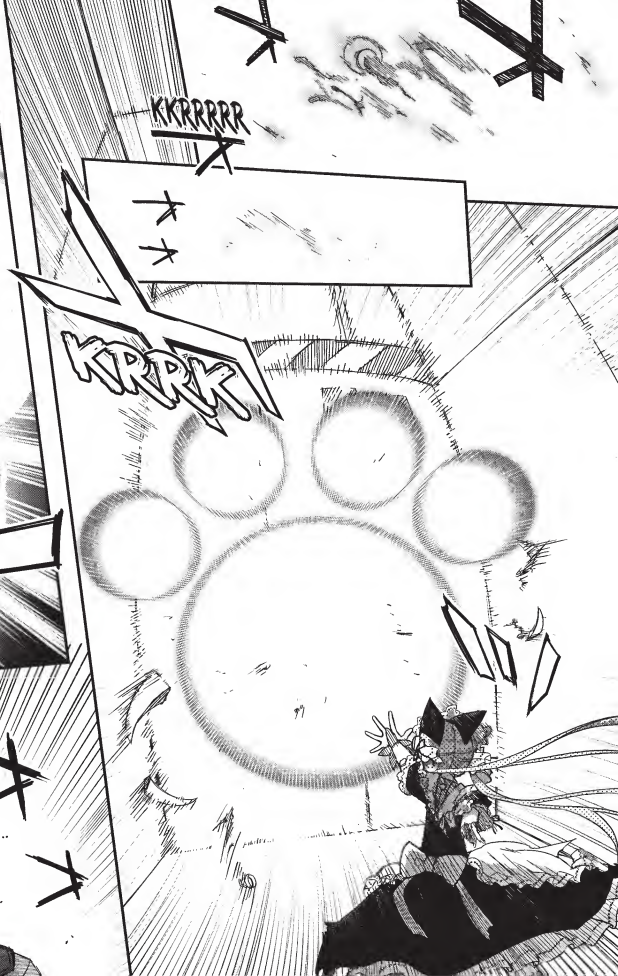
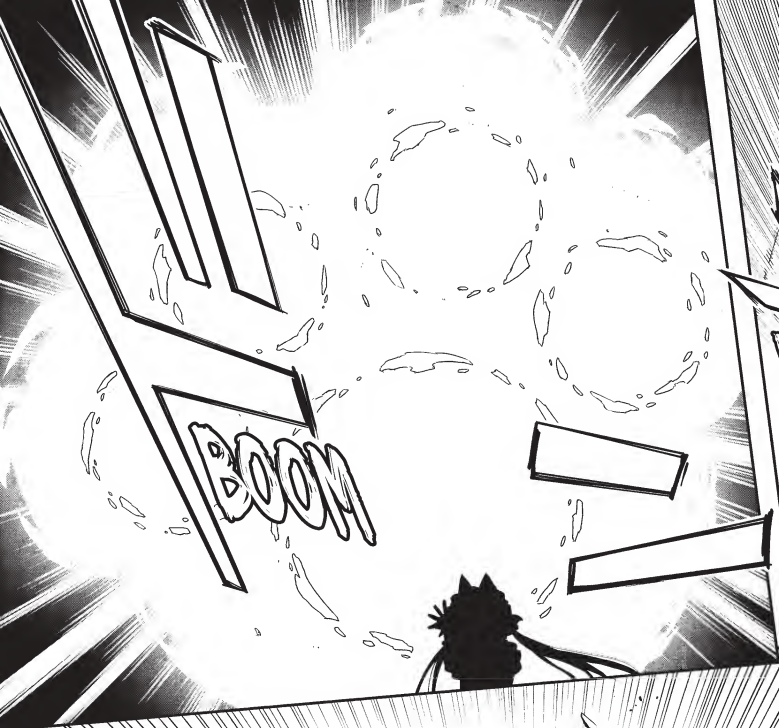




WHAAR

PLASMA
NEKO
PUNCH!!

KRRRR



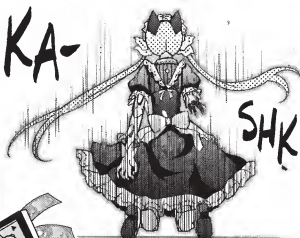


HONESTLY,
THAT'S
REALLY
SOME-
THING!





KA-



SHK

NENE,
I HAVE A
REQUEST!

DASH!!!



CLARA-
RIN!

HAG-
CHA--



I WILL
ATTACK
USING
PLASMA
NEKO
PUNCH.

I WANT
YOU TO
BUY
THREE
MINUTES
OF TIME.

TIME
...?



ONCE I'VE
DEPLOYED IT,
MY COOLING
SYSTEMS
WILL ACTIVATE.
I WILL BE
IMMOBILE
FOR A FIXED
PERIOD,
LIKE BLUR.



IT WILL
CAUSE AN
IMMENSE
STRAIN
ON MY
SYSTEM.

PLASMA NEKO
PUNCH IS A
TECHNIQUE THAT
COMPRESSES
AND VENTS
THE STATIC
ELECTRICITY
GENERATED
WITHIN MY
BODY BY THE
FRICTION OF THE
PROSTHETIC
MUSCLES AND
JOINTS.

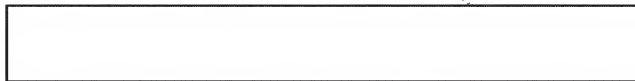
SO...

TO
TAKE
CARE
OF
ME.

I MUST
ASK
YOU...





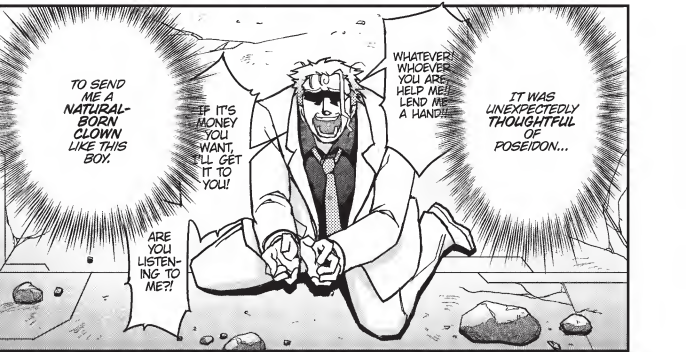






SUCH AN
INTERESTING
PLAY IN MY
LIFETIME.

YOU
KNOW,
I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D
SEE...



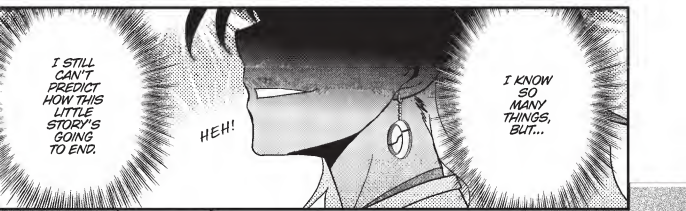
TO SEND
ME A
NATURAL-
BORN
CLOWN
LIKE THIS
BOY.

IF IT'S
MONEY
YOU
WANT,
I'LL GET
IT TO
YOU!

WHATEVER!
WHOEVER
YOU ARE,
HELP ME!
LEND ME
A HAND!!

IT WAS
LINEXPECTEDLY
THOUGHTFUL
OF
POSEIDON...

ARE
YOU
LISTEN-
ING TO
ME?!



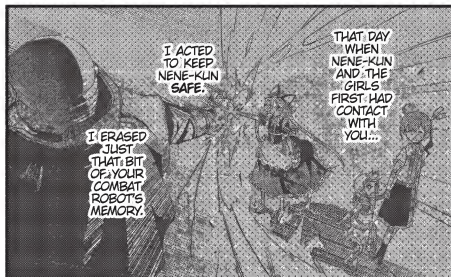
I STILL
CAN'T
PREDICT
HOW THIS
LITTLE
STORY'S
GOING
TO END.

HEH!

I KNOW
SO
MANY
THINGS,
BUT...



ALL RIGHT,
I'LL GIVE
YOU ONE
TIDBIT
OF INFO.

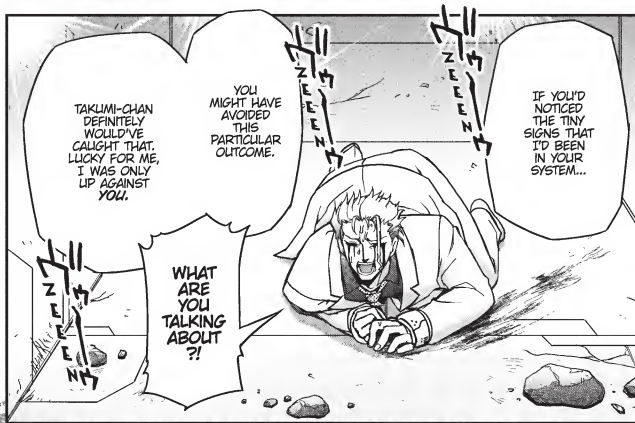


I ACTED
TO KEEP
NENE-KUN
SAFE.

I ERASED
JUST
THAT BIT
OF YOUR
COMBAT
ROBOT'S
MEMORY.

THAT DAY
WHEN
NENE-KUN
AND THE
GIRLS
FIRST HAD
CONTACT
WITH
YOU...

IT'S THIS:
YOU HAD A
CHANCE TO
GET CLOSE
TO ME,
AND YOU
MISSED IT.



TAKUMI-CHAN
DEFINITELY
WOULD'VE
CAUGHT THAT.
LUCKY FOR ME,
I WAS ONLY
UP AGAINST
YOU.

YOU
MIGHT HAVE
AVOIDED
THIS
PARTICULAR
OUTCOME.

IF YOU'D
NOTICED
THE TINY
SIGNS THAT
I'D BEEN
IN YOUR
SYSTEM...

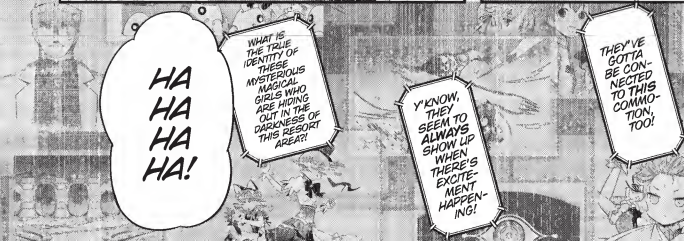
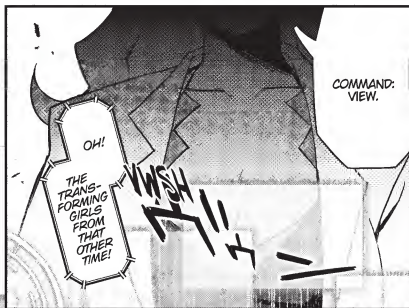
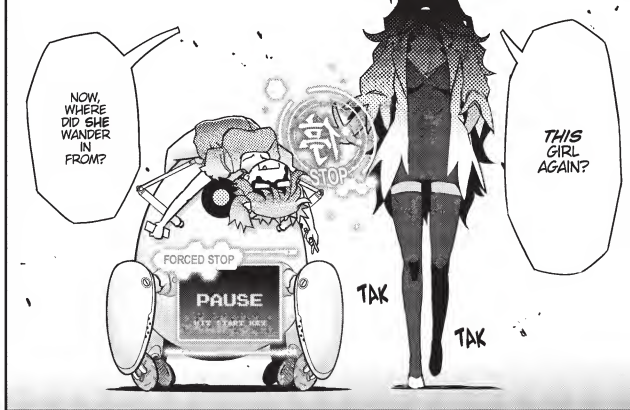
WHAT
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
?!

ANYWAY...











BUT YOU'RE
CLOSER TO
THE TRUTH
THAN ANY
OF THEM--
CLOSER
THAN
ANYONE!

YOU'RE
JUST SOME
PASSERBY,
UNLIKE
NENE-KUN
OR TAKUMI
OR EVEN
POSEIDON...

WELL,
THAT'S
A
SURPRISE!

LOOK
AT
YOU!

HA HA HA HA HA!

I
LOVE
YOU!

THIS IS
WHAT'S SO
AMAZING
ABOUT THE
HUMAN
RACE!

WHAT A
CURIOUS
LITTLE
MONSTER!
WHO COULD
PREDICT A
WILD CARD
LIKE YOU
RUNNING
AROUND,
CHANGING
ALL THE
POSSIBILITIES?

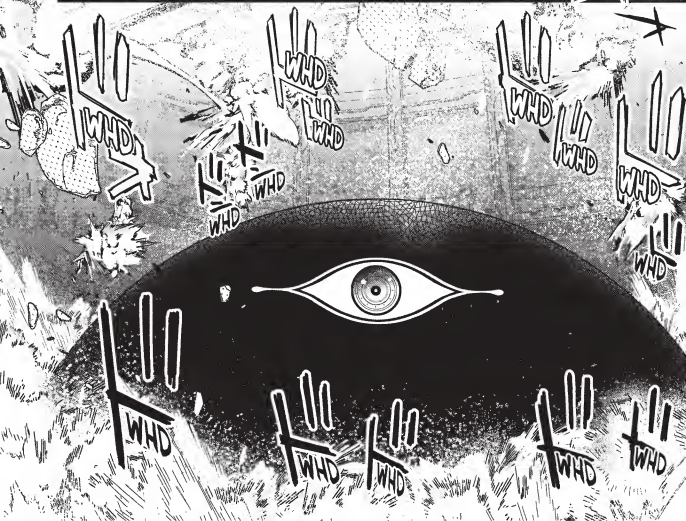
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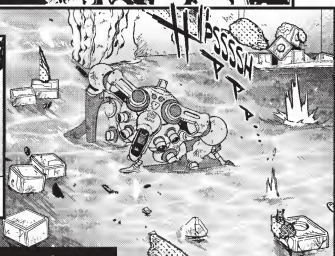
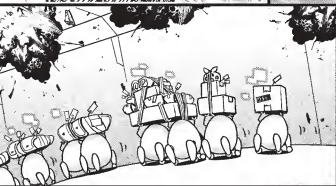
BUT I THINK
IT'S TOO
EARLY TO LET
SPOILERS
LEAK OUT,
SO I'M JUST
GOING TO DO
ANOTHER
BIT OF
TINKERING.

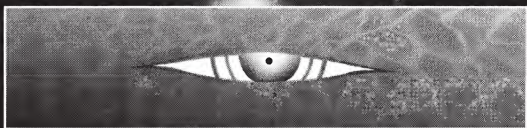
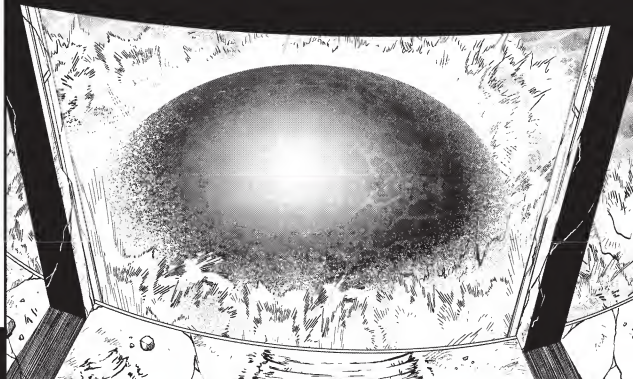
SORRY!

I SUSPECT
HISTORY
WILL
REMEMBER
YOUR NAME,
LITTLE
REPORTER.

EVEN
WITHOUT
THIS
SCRAP OF
INFORMATION...







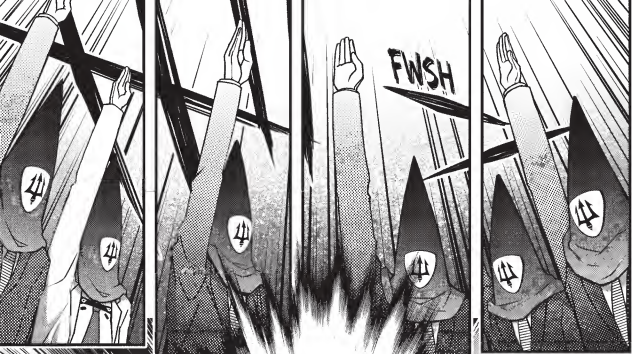


I'LL
TAKE
THIS
GIRL
WITH
ME.

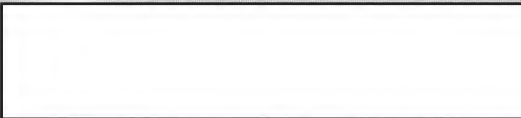
OUR
HOPE!

I'LL
GO
NEXT.

KLAK



LET ALL
BE DONE
IN THE
NAME
OF THE
APOLLO
SEED
PROJECT!!



Poseidon Observation Archive
Item No. 1031214...Updated.

Former American Imperial
Army Colonel Ian Kurtz,
Intelligence Division.
Buer recovery mission:
Failed.
Death subsequently occurred.



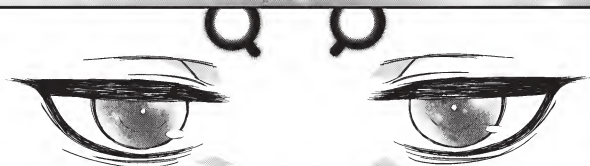
The immediate cause of
failure in Ian Kurtz's
operation is believed
to be contact with an
external element.



Nanakorobi Nene...

Clarion...

Data collection: Commencing.



Observer...

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BZZZT



GHOST URN



CENACLE ISLAND TERRORIST ATTACKS

NEAR DAWN
YESTERDAY,
A HUGE
EXPLOSION
ROCKED THE
SUBTERRANEAN
AREA NEAR
KAIHIN
MEMORIAL
PARK.

LIP NEXT,
NEW
INFORMATION
ON THE
CENACLE
TERRORIST
ATTACKS
HAS COME
TO LIGHT.

SANDRA JARNY

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TV

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special ch

THE CPD IS
CURRENTLY
INVESTIGATING
AN UNDER-
GROUND FACILITY
HERE THAT IS
THOUGHT TO BE
CONNECTED
WITH THE
TERRORIST
ATTACKS.

THIS IS
PRO-
SELPINA
REPORTING
LIVE FROM
IN FRONT
OF KAIHIN
MEMORIAL
PARK.

LET'S
GO TO
PRO-
SELPINA-
SAN,
WHO IS
AT THE
SCENE.

CHATTER

CHATTER

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TV

BUT
THERE'S
STILL A
LOT OF
CONFUSION,
AND WE'RE
NOT BEING
TOLD
ANYTH--

STOP!
HEY!!
OUT OF
THE
WAY!!! STOMP KICK
STOMP

THE
ENTRANCE
TO THE
FACILITY
HAS BEEN
TOTALLY
DESTROYED...

AND
MEMBERS
OF THE
CPD AND
CPD ARE
CLEARING
THE
DEBRIS
AS WE
SPEAK.

Krk
Krk
Krk



I
HAVE
A
SCOOP
--!

#

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>> Epilog

THE
TERRORISTS!
THE
CONSPIRACY!
IT'S ALL
ON
THIS
CAMERA
!!!

COME
BACK
TO
THE
HOS-
PITAL
!!

CAMERA

YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE
MOVING!

BUREAU
CHIEF!
I DID IT!
IT'S A
MAJOR
SCOOP!!

I LANDED THIS
INCREDIBLE SCOOP
IN THE BLINK OF
AN EYE AND THEN
ESCAPED WITH
MY LIFE! PRAISE
MY JOURNALISTIC
SPIRIT! MWA HA
HA HA HA!!

PRO-
SELF-
PAIN-
ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT
?!

WHO
IS
THIS
?!

CAMERA

YOU
HAVE
CRITICAL
INJU-
RIES!

YOU'LL SEE A
MASSIVE SPHERE
FIRING A BEAM!
MAGICAL GIRLS
COUNTERATTACKING!
YOU WON'T BELIEVE
YOUR EYES
WHEN YOU SEE
THE TRUTH
ABOUT WHAT'S
GOING ON
DOWN THERE!!

VLIN--

RISE
FROM THE
ASHES
LIKE A
PHOENIX,
I'M THE
IDOL
REPORTER...

THAT JOB
SHOULD
BE MINE!
I'LL SHOW
YOU WHO'S
ON TOP AND
WHO'S ON
BOTTOM AND
HOW THIS
WORLD
REALLY
WORKS!

LISTEN UP,
NEWBIE REPORTER
PROSELPINA!
DON'T GET ON
YOUR HIGH HORSE
JUST BECAUSE
YOU'RE SORTA
CUTE, GOOD
AT YOUR JOB,
AND GOOD AT
LISTENING TO
OTHER PEOPLE!

CALM
DOWN
!!

STOP!
STOP
HER!!

GET HER
OFF!!
STAY AWAY
FROM
THE
CAMERA!!

YOUR
WOUNDS
WILL
OPEN
AGAIN!
GO
GET A
SEDA-
TIVE!!

QUIT
FIGHT-
ING!

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PLEASE STAND BY



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IT'S
OKAY!

SORRY
FOR THE
WAIT,
NENE-
CHAN.

THAT'S ALL
THAT'S BEEN
ON THE
NEWS FOR
THE LAST
FEW DAYS.

HMM?

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PLEASE STAND BY



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GOT
IT!

NEXT
TIME WE'LL
DO THE
EXPANSION
SHOT EXAM,
SO PLEASE
REMOVE
NUTRITION
CARTRIDGE ³
BEFORE
YOU COME.
OKAY?

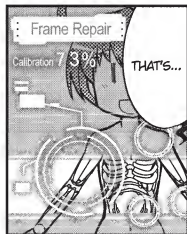
OKAY!
THANK
YOU!

WE'VE
REVIEWED
ALL YOUR
TEST DATA,
SO THAT'S
IT FOR
TODAY.

HMMM?

THERE
ARE SO
MANY
EXAMS.
IT MUST BE
HARD FOR
NENE-CHAN,
COMING IN
EVERY WEEK.





SHE'S
CONSTANTLY
PUSHING
HERSELF.

WHAT DID
SHE DO TO
PUT THIS
KIND OF
LOAD ON
HERSELF?

IS THAT
HER
FRAME
STRESS
TEST
CHART?

IS THERE
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH HER
STANDARD
EXAM?

TO WRENCH OPEN TWO
HARD HATCHES LIKE THAT,
SHE'D HAVE TO...
LET ME SEE...
THROW A SUMO
WRESTLER, BE IN SOME
KIND OF VIOLENT
HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT
LIKE SHE WAS IN A VIDEO
GAME, AND RUN AT TOP
SPEED WHILE CARRYING
SOMEONE--SOMEONE
SMALL AND HEAVY--
LIKE A BRIDE.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

SHE GETS
UP TO
MORE THAN
YOU'D THINK
FROM
LOOKING
AT HER,
HMM?

HA
HA
HA!



THIS
IS NO
TIME
FOR
THAT,
YEAH?!

I TRIED
ASKING
HER,
ACTUALLY,
BUT...



OWNER



CAN'T
YOU ASK
THE
OWNER
WHAT
HAPPENED?



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削除

Tho
like

PINGO
削除

thighs of all things,
goddess in leggings!

Man, I used to be more
into boobs, but now...

Heck yeah! Did you see the
ones where she's in leggings,
projected on the moon?
Those were phenomenal!

PINGO
削除

Hey!
Did you see
those pics?

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Best thigh shots
I've ever seen.

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削除

PINGO
削除

delete
削除

delete
削除

So quirky!

Dunno who took
the pics, but they're
doing God's work.

PINGO
削除

PINGO
削除

スパッツとフトモモの
組み合わせが
最高にcoolだね!

Me! We
the thighs!

Those legs in
those leggings?
Best thing ever.

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削除

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削除

Juuuuust plump
enough: Mmm.

Those'll keep our army
motivated for a while!
They're really something!

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削除

AW,
COME
OOOO-
OOOON!

AAAA-
AAAAH!

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upload

YEEAAAAH!!

BUT
THERE
JUST
KEEP
BEING
MORE
AND
MORE OF
THEM!

I DELETE!
AND
DELETE!
AND
DELETE!
AND
DELETE!

FLAIL

FLAIL

Popo
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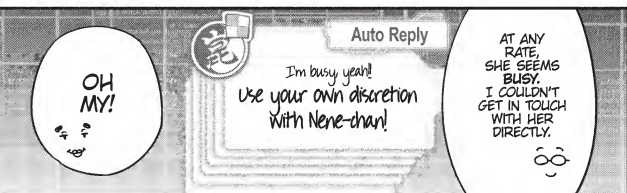
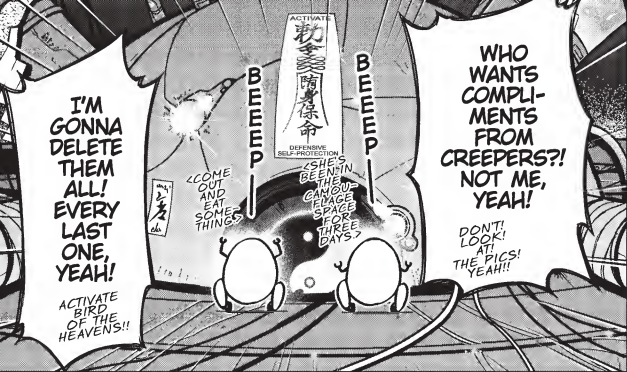
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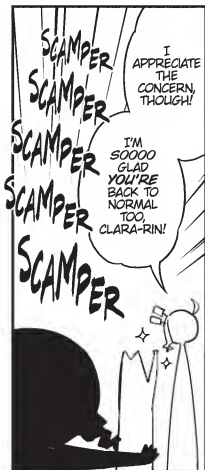
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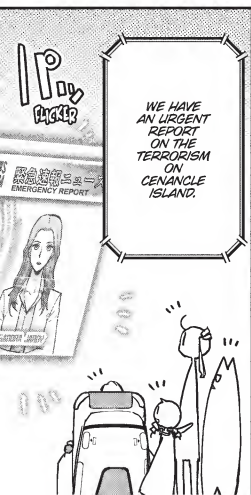
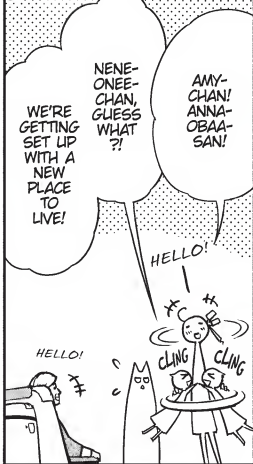
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NEWS

Report

THE VIDEO SHOWS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN UNDERGROUND FACILITY PRIOR TO THE COLLAPSE.

A MYSTERIOUS, MASSIVE UNDERGROUND FACILITY SPREADING OUT BELOW THE PARK!

MY PURSUIT OF STRANGE HAPPENINGS THAT SCREAM "SCOOP!" TO MY NOSE BROUGHT ME TO...

THIS FOOTAGE WAS INDEPENDENTLY OBTAINED BY OUR STATION.

NEWS

Emergency Report

GREAT IDOL REPORTER VII

AND MY DESTINY HAS LED ME TO THIS MOMENT, SURROUNDED BY WEIRD ROBOTS AND IN TROUBLE!

TIV

IS THIS MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF CENACLE'S RECENT PROBLEMS?

I'M THE ONE BEHIND THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON CENACLE!

POP!!

I'M EVEN MORE EVIL THAN SAHAR SCHEHERA!

I AM COLONEL IAN KURTZ OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE.

MWAH HA HA HA HA HA!!

NEWS

Report

MY GREATEST DREAM WAS TO FILL THE WORLD WITH PICTURES OF THIGHS!

HA HA HA HA HA!

THE FIRE AT HERMES, THE BLUE IN THE SKY-- IT'S ALL MY WORK!

I WAS ALSO THE ONE BEHIND THE NETWORK INTERRUPTIONS!

TIV

NEWS Emergency Report

DAMMIT!
I'M SO
CLOSE!
HOW CAN
I BE
THWARTED
NOW?!

HA
HA
HA
HA HA!

THIS IS
THE CPD!
COLONEL
KURTZ!
YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!

THIS
SEEMS
TO SHOW
THE CPD
BREAKING
IN.

EVERYONE
RETREAT!
WE'RE
OUT OF
OPTIONS!

THE
UNDER-
GROUND
BASE IS
GOING TO
COL-
LAPSE!

WHILE I'M
AT IT, I'LL
TRIGGER
THE BASE'S
SELF-
DESTRUCT
MECHAN-
ISM!
HA HA HA!

I WILL
FLEE,
AND YOU
WILL
NEVER
SEE ME
AGAIN!

WHY?
DID HE
SAY
ANY OF
THAT?

ACCORD-
ING TO
PERSON-
NEL
INTER-
VIEWED
WITH THE
FEDERAL
BUREAU
OF
INVESTIGATION

Colonel Ian Kurtz

TIV

Sandra Jarry

WHAT A
TERRIBLE
MAN!

TSK
TSK

IT
APPEARS
TO BE
ENTIRELY
LEGITIMATE.

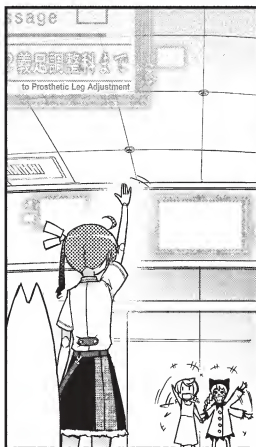
NO
SIGN OF
FABRICA-
TION OR
MANIPU-
LATION.

IT SEEMS
UNBELIEV-
ABLE,
BUT OUR
SOUND AND
IMAGE
ANALYSES
REVEALED...

THAT'S
ALL OF
THE
FOOTAGE
WE
OBTAINED.

被疑者判明か

SANDRA JARRY

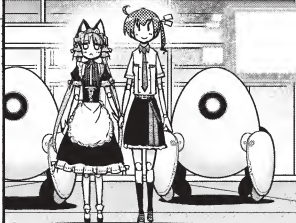


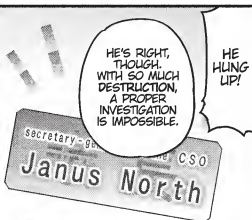
ル義体総合整形クリ

MEMBER OF THE WESTERN FAIRY BOUL

Currently Full • • • • 義手

We are also accepting appointments f





JUST
HOW MUCH
TROUBLE
DO YOU
THINK THE
ISLAND
IS IN--?

WHEN YOU GET
THE CHANCE,
YOU HAVE TO
TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE
OF ANOTHER
COUNTRY'S
WEAKNESSES!

YOU
MANAGED TO
GET DECENT
CONCESSIONS
FROM THE
AMERICAN
EMPIRE,
RIGHT?

WE HAVE
PLENTY OF
EVIDENCE.
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH?

IT'S
NOT
ENOUGH!

BAM!
THUM!
THUM!
THUM!
THUM!

HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DEAL WITH
A CRIME
SCENE THAT
ISN'T PRO-
GRESSING?!
THIS IS NO
GOOD!
HONESTLY...

FINE, FINE.
JUST START
LEVERAGING
YOUR
POLITICAL
POWER.

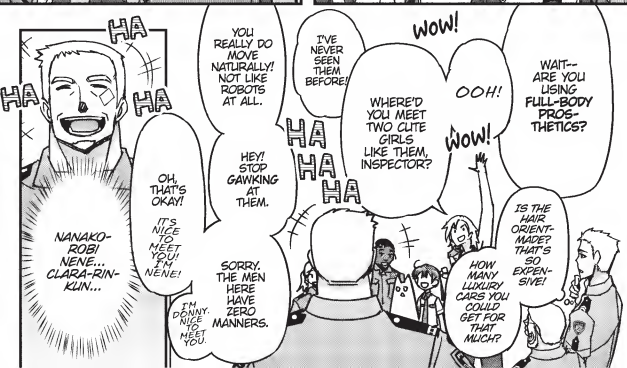
AND I
WANT A
NEW
CRUISER!

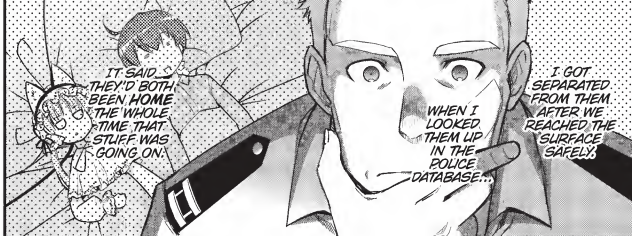
AMERICAN-
MADE!

ISN'T
THAT A
GOOD
THING?
YOUR
TSUNDERE
STYLE
IS
CREEPY.

HE SAYS THESE
IDEALIST THINGS
ABOUT PEACE,
AND THEN BRINGS
ME A POLITICAL
BARGAIN.
HE'S TOO
RELIABLE!

HMPH!!

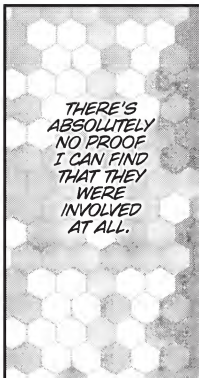




IT SAID...
THEY'D BOTH
BEEN HOME
THE WHOLE
TIME THAT
STUFF WAS
GOING ON.

WHEN I
LOOKED
THEM UP
IN THE
POLICE
DATABASE...

I GOT
SEPARATED
FROM THEM
AFTER WE
REACHED THE
SURFACE
SAFELY.



THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY
NO PROOF
I CAN FIND
THAT THEY
WERE
INVOLVED
AT ALL.



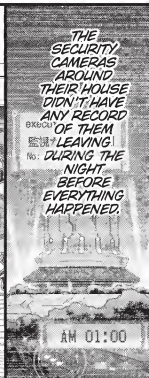
WHAT'S
MORE,
THERE'S
NO SIGN OF
EITHER OF
THEM IN THE
FOOTAGE
WE TOOK
UNDER-
GROUND.



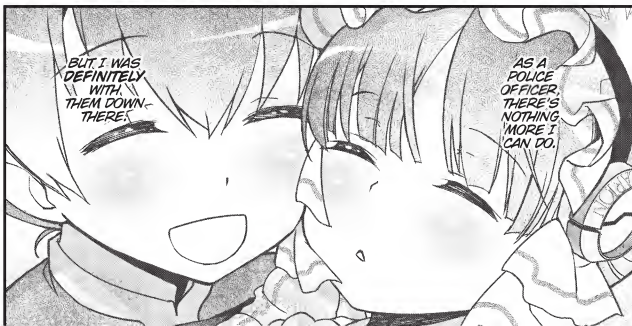
PLUS, THE
TESTIMONY
OF THEIR
GUARDIAN,
KOROBASE
TAKUMI,
HOLDS UP.

THE
ENTIRE
FAMILY
WAS
HOME
THAT
DAY

DID YOU
FIND
DAMAGE
FROM
THE
ROBBER
INCIDENT?



THE
SECURITY
CAMERAS
AROUND
THEIR HOUSE
DIDN'T HAVE
ANY RECORD
OF THEM
LEAVING!
No. DURING THE
NIGHT
BEFORE
EVERYTHING
HAPPENED.



BUT I WAS
DEFINITELY
WITH
THEM DOWN
THERE.

AS A
POLICE
OFFICER,
THERE'S
NOTHING
MORE I
CAN DO.



ALL THE
INCREDIBLE
THINGS
I SAW
UNDER-
GROUND...

THE
MYSTERIOUS
MESSAGE
FROM UZAL,
WHO'S
DECEASED...

FOR NOW,
AT LEAST,
WE'VE GOT A
SEMBLANCE
OF PEACE,
BUT I
JUST CAN'T
BELIEVE
EVERYTHING'S
BEEN DEALT
WITH.

THERE'S
SO MUCH
I STILL
DON'T
KNOW.

HE
MENTIONED A
"POSEIDON"--
AND
REFERRED
TO IT AS
"US."

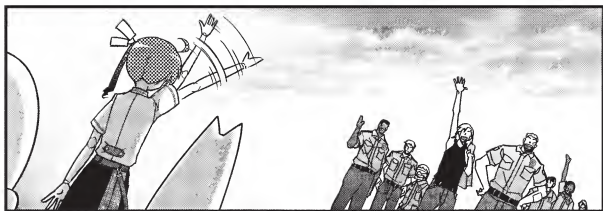
KURTZ
FLED, AND
HE NEVER
TURNED
UP.



YUP!

THE ONLY
THING I'M
SURE OF
IS THAT...

INSPECTOR,
ARE THOSE
GIRLS...?



HOW ABOUT WE STOP BY WHEN WE GO SHOPPING?

WE PROMISED TO GO OUT, DIDN'T WE?

WE DID.

HERMES IS OPENING IN A NEW LOCATION!

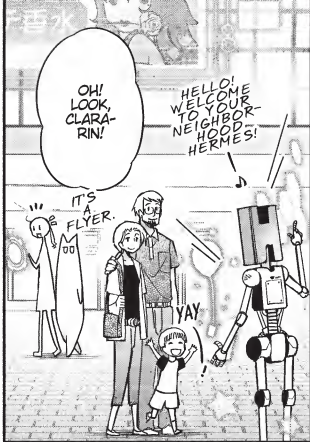


OH! LOOK, CLARA-RIN!

HELLO! WELCOME TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, HERMES!

IT'S A FLYER.

YAY



WE'LL GET YOU COMING AND GOING SORRIES.

WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHEN WE'VE GOT



I TOOK INDEPENDENT ACTION, PRIORITIZING MY ACTIVITY ABOVE YOUR IMMEDIATE PROTECTION.

NENE.







THIS RECENT
INCIDENT AND THE
ONE AT HERMES
WOULD BOTH HAVE
BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
TO CARRY OUT WITH
ONLY MY OWN
PROCESSING
POWER.

WHEN
I AM WITH
NENE, I'M
CONSTANTLY
HAVING NEW
EXPERIENCES.

THINGS THAT
SHOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE
ACCORDING
TO ALL
CALCULATIONS
CAN BE
ACHIEVED IF
THE TWO OF
US ARE
TOGETHER.



THAT NOISE
SHOULD
LOWER MY
PROCESSING
EFFICIENCY,
BUT INSTEAD IT
IMPROVES MY
PERFORMANCE.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT, OKAY?

I DETECT
NOISE
IN MY
THOUGHT
ALGORITHMS--
NOISE TOO
FAINT TO
ANALYZE.

EACH
TIME I
ANALYZE
THESE
THEORE-
TICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE
EVENTS...

WHAT
COULD
EXPLAIN
THAT?

I GOT
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU AND
MADE
MY OWN
DECISION!



HMM?

NENE.

YOU'RE
WELCOME!

THANK
YOU.



WE
SHALL
SEARCH
OUT THE
GREATER
TRUTH OF
THE THIGH!

New Thigh Folder

新フトモモ
フォルダー

中枢制御系
Central Nervous System

WE HAVE
PASSED
THROUGH
EXCESS AND
NOW WITHDRAW
TO REASON!
THE GOAL:
TO COMPLETE
AN EVEN
MORE SECURE,
REFINED
THIGH FOLDER!!

WE
SHALL
BECOME
THE
GOD
OF
THIGHS!

RAATHER
THAN
SPEAKING
OF WHAT
WE HATE,
WE SHALL
SHARE
THE
GOOD
NEWS
OF OUR
LOVE OF
THIGHS!

AND THE
NUMBER
OF THIGH
AFICIONADOS
ROSE
EVER SO
SLIGHTLY.

AND THIS,
PEACE
CAME
TO THE
WORLD...
FOR THE
TIME
BEING.

GHOST URN



GHOST URN



YOU
PROBABLY
REMEMBER
ME FROM
THAT
MASSIVE
SCOOP
ABOUT THE
RECENT
TERRORISM
HERE!

TODAY,
I'M
BRINGING
YOU
SOME
HOT
NEWS!

HERE
WE GO!
HELLO OUT
THERE, YOU
40,000
GOOD
FOLKS ON
CENACLE
ISLAND...!



TRA LAAAA~!

AND THEN
GET TONS OF
MONEY FOR
STANDING
AROUND
SHRIEKING
AND
LAUGHING...!

I WAS
PICTURING
THE KIND
OF THING
WHERE YOU
GET A BUNCH
OF GIRL
ANNOUNCERS
IN MINISKIRTS
TOGETHER
FIRST THING
IN THE
MORNING...

Every
Good Mornin'



IT'S
GREAT,
THOUGH,
RIGHT?
THE
STATION'S
REWARDING
YOU WITH
YOUR
VERY OWN
SHOW!

IT'S A
FISHING
PRO-
GRAM.
THAT'S
JUST
HOW
IT IS!

LIKE, WHAT
THE HELL?!
WHY IS AN
IDOL STUCK
ROWING A
BOAT BY
HERSELF AT
THIS HOUR
OF THE
MORNING?!

KA-
WHAP!!

THIS IS
NOT
EXACTLY
WHAT I
ENVISIONED
!!



OH, BUREAU
CHIEF,
PLEASE OPEN
YOUR
EMBRACE
FOR ME
ALREADY...!
YOUR
HEALTHY,
FLEETING
FISHING
REPORTER...

MAKING
MONEY!
MAKING
MONEY!
MAKING
MONEY!

WHAT'S
SO DAN-
GEROUS
ABOUT
BEING
OUT
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
THE
EMPTY
OCEAN?!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
CALM
DOWN AND
FOCUS.
IT'S
DANGEROUS.

I WANT
TO TAKE
THAT EASY,
LAZY ROUTE!
THIS
SORT OF
PHYSICAL
LABOR
SHOW
DOESN'T
SUIT ME!



MAKING MONEY!
MAKING MONEY!
MAKING MONEY!
MAKING MONEY!

VLIND--

WHAM

ASU-31574

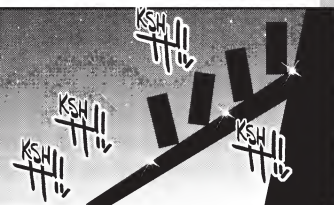
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MAKING MONEY!
MAKING MONEY!
MAKING MONEY!

JUS'
MY
IMAGINA-
TION?
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BRBL
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HUH?
WE HIT
SOME-
THIN'?

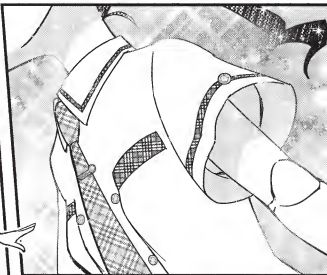
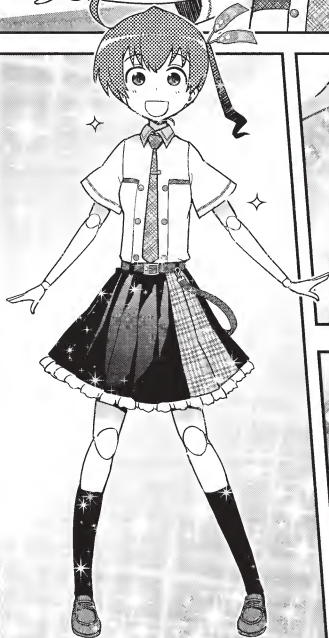
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YAAAAAY!!

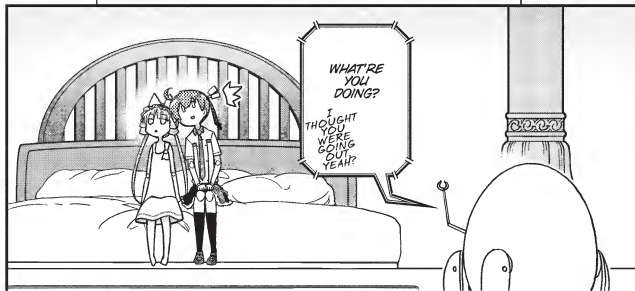
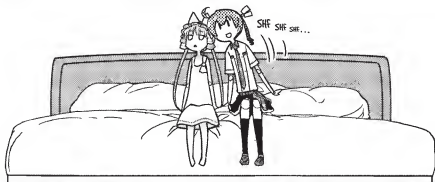
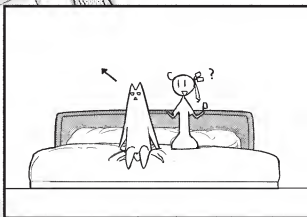
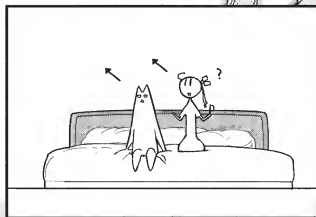
**A DAY
OUT
WITH
CLARA-
RIN!!**

IT'S
FINALLY
HERE! THE
DAY I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR!





STARE.....







COME
ON
OVER!
♪

OOH!
IT'S LIKE
A FLEA
MARKET!

FWWW
*~

APHRODITE
COSMETICS.

Bloody Rose for Your Heart

Aphrodite Perfume

アフロデ テ香水

WE
WANT TO
MAKE
YOU
EVEN
LOVELIER!

I USED TO
PLAY WITH
MY MOM'S
LIPSTICK,
AND SHE
ALWAYS
GOT MAD
AT ME.

MAKEUP?

AAAAAAH.....



BESIDES...

EITHER
WAY,
I THINK
IT'S STILL
TOO SOON
FOR ME.



WELL,
IT'S NOT
REALLY A
DISGUISE...

DO YOU
WANT TO
DISGUISE
YOURSELF
?



CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK

MAKEUP
...

TING!

Searching



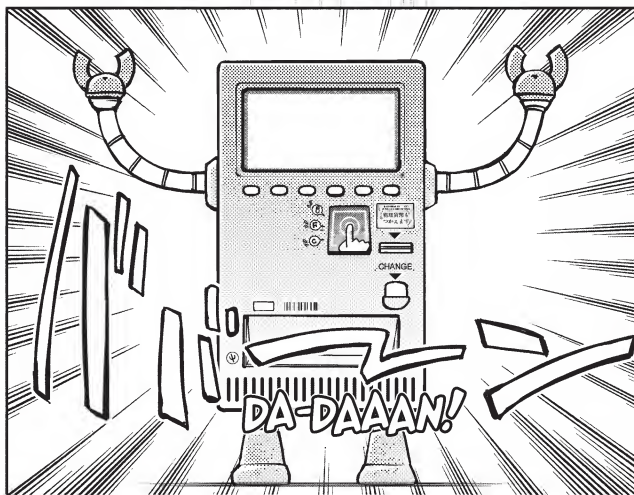
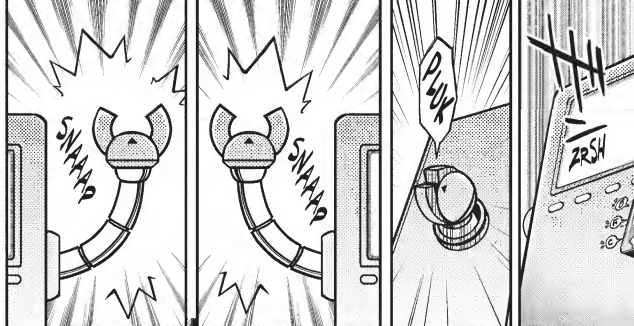
THIS ISN'T
A GREAT
CANVAS
FOR THEM
TO WORK
WITH.

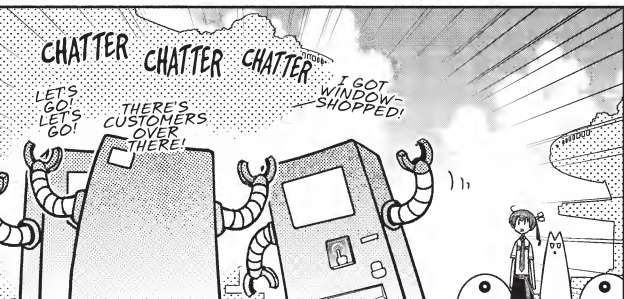
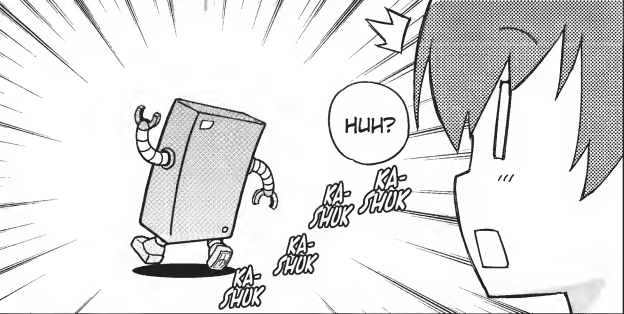


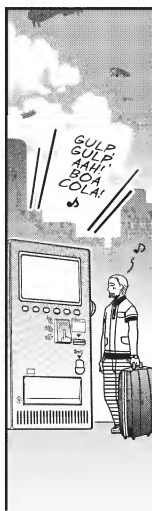
A more beautiful you: Apine
perform for you

PERFUME?









ANOTHER
ROUND
OF
BOA
COLA!

4 TATATATADING
If you put money in,
you can win another one!

NOW
YOU GET
ONE
MORE
CHANCE
TO
WIN...

hit amazing • hit amazing • hit amazing

4 TATATATADING

DRY

BEER
125ml

BE-
BE-
BEEP

YOU
THERE!

WE CALCU-
LATED THE
AMOUNT OF
FLUID INTAKE
REQUIRED
FOR YOUR
ESTIMATED
WEIGHT.
YOU'RE 125ML
SHORT.

YOU'VE
GOTTA
DRINK
MORE!

?! FWP

FWP

SKRRK!

WHAT
?!

CHANG!

CHANG!

BIG
WINNER!
YOU
WIN!!

CHANG!

CHANG!

BUY!
BUY!

BUT...
THAT'S
NOT
WINNING...

SIGH

YOU
HAVE
THE
RIGHT
TO
BUY
ONE!!

I CAN'T
GET
THROUGH.

HUH?

WE ARE
CURRENTLY
RECEIVING
A HIGH
VOLUME
OF
CALLS...

THIS IS
NO GOOD!
WE HAVE
TO TELL
ROBERT-SAN
AND THE
OTHER
POLICE,
RIGHT?

RRRRING...

WE
STILL
HAVEN'T
HEARD
FROM
THEM!

DONNY!
STILL
NOTHING
FROM THE
COUNCIL
ON THESE
CASES?

TORRRRING
TILILILIL

TORRRRRING
TILILILIL

GIVE
MICHAEL
THE
CASES
FOR
AREA
M!
SEND
THE
CASES
FOR
AREAS
E2 AND
C4 THIS
WAY!

CAPTAIN!
WE'VE GOT
ANOTHER
TWELVE
COMPLAINTS
ABOUT
VENDING
MACHINES!

WHAT
ARE
THE
GUYS
AT THE
TOP
DOING?

THE
LINE'S
SWAMPED
WITH
COM-
PLAINTS!

TORRRRING
TILILILIL

SEND
NEARBY
OFFICERS
TO
AREAS
G5 AND
G6!

RO-
GER!

RIGHT!

TORRRRING
TILILILIL

RO-
GER!

THE WHOLE
THING'S
ALREADY
GONE
THROUGH
WITH THEM
STOPPING
IT NOW.
RIDICULOUS.

UNSUR-
PRIS-
INGLY,
THIS IS
THE
WORST.

ONE...
TWO...
THREE...

IT'S
PROBABLY
JUST THE
POLICE OR
THE AREA
MERCURY
BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION!

CHAIRMAN
NORTH,
THE PHONE
HASN'T
STOPPED
RINGING
SINCE THIS
MORNING.
SHOULDN'T
YOU
ANSWER?

IGNORE
IT!
IT'S
NOTHING!

GOOD
IDEA

POPPING...

I KNOW!
WE'LL
CALL
TAKUMI-
CHAN!

I'M
ON IT,
NENE-
CHAN,
YEAH!

I'LL BEAT
THE SNOT
OUT OF
ANYONE
WHO MIGHT
BE A BAD
INFLUENCE
ON YOU!

AS YOUR
GUARDIAN,
NENE-
CHAN...

THE
VENDING
MACHINE
GANG IN
AREA
MERCURY,
YEAH!

DA-DUM!

CAME TO
CENACLE
ISLAND
AND
MESSED
WITH US,
YEAH!

YOU'RE
GONNA
REGRET
THAT
YOU
EVER...

OH,
TAKUMI-
CHAN'S
CALLING
BACK.



WHAT
HAD-
PENED?



YEAH,
SO...

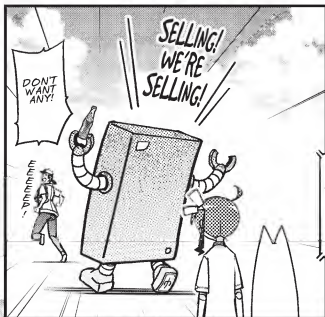


THEY
SOMEHOW
GOT ME
TO BUY
EVERY-
THING
THEY
WERE
SELLING,
YEAH!!





I'M A
HERMIT!
ONLINE
SHOPPING
IS MY
NATURAL
ENEMY,
YEAH!



SELLING!
WE'RE
SELLING!

DON'T
WANT
ANY!

WUWUWU...



IT
DONES'T
LOOK LIKE
THEY'RE
BREAKING
ANY
LAWS,
SO
DON'T
WORRY...

AND I
GUESS
WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING
WAS
APPROVED
BY THE
COUNCIL.

OOOH
ANOTHER
EMAIL
OF
RECOM-
MENDED
PRO-
DUCTS!

OKAY!

KA-
CHAK



HMM?
WHAT?

YOU
A
CUSTOMER?



WAIT
A
SECOND,
OKAY?

BUY!
BUY!

BUY!
I'LL
GIVE
YOU
A
DEAL!

200000-

AAAAH



WE'RE ANALYZING
CUSTOMERS'
SUBCONSCIOUS
DESIRES 'N'
GETTING
THEM TO BUY
WHAT THEY
REALLY WANT!

WE'RE
NOT
FORCING
ANYONE!

I JUST
DON'T THINK
IT'S OKAY TO
GO AROUND
FORCING
PEOPLE
TO BUY
STUFF!

WIDGET
EVERYONE'S
HAPPY!

RIGHT!
I'M
OFF TO
THE
NEXT ONE!

EVERY-
ONE'S
SUPER-
HAPPY!

WE'RE
HAPPY!

SELL!
SELL!

MAKE
A TON
OF
MONEY!

DANCE
DANCE
DANCE

IN
SITUATIONS
LIKE THIS,
IF PEOPLE
AREN'T
SMILING,
YOU'RE
DOING
SOMETHING
WRONG!

HELP!

NOO!

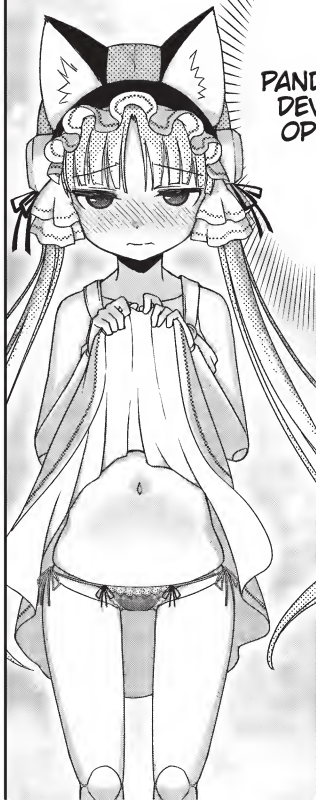
AAA!

RUN!!

AAAAAAAA

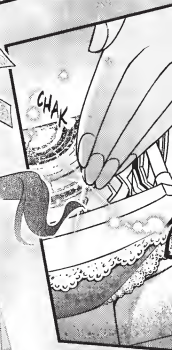
AAAAHHHH

AAAAAAAA



PANDORA
DEVICE
OPEN!







GLITTER

GLINT

GLINT

BEEP

CONNECTION
CONFIRMED

OWNER KO

Nansakorebi

type sorcerer

解凍中...
Unzipping

AUTO Search Engine
Search Term:
Vending Machine Persuade
Everyone Friendly Happy

PING!

Metamorphose

Give it all you got!
so you
improv

PONG

♪





PUPPETEER!

12345 DECODE...

WHKSSSH WHKSHHH

MAKING MONEY!

MAKING MONEY!

JUST
TAKE A
LITTLE
NAP,
OKAY?

BABBLÈ

BABBLE

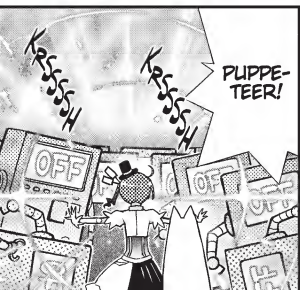
WHAT
AM I
SUP-
POSED
TO DO
WITH
ALL
THESE
BAGS?

LET'S
GET
AWAY
WHILE
WE
CAN!

BABBLE

BABBI-F





NENE...

NENE!
ARE
YOU
OKAY?!

CLARA...
RIN...?

DRIFT

I'M SO SORRY!

FOR A
MINUTE
THERE,
I WASN'T
SURE
WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN!
¥

OH,
YOU'RE
AWAKE!
THANK
GOODNESS!
¥

NENE,
THIS GUY
HAS
SOMETHING
TO SAY.

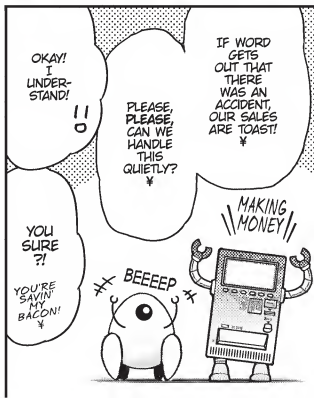
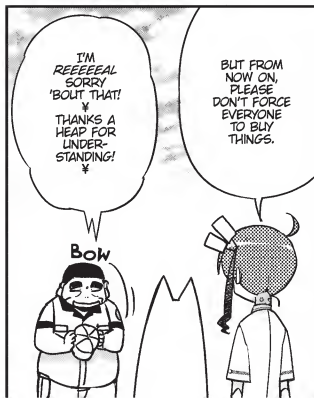
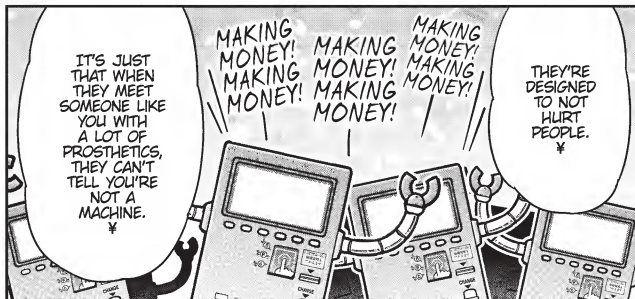
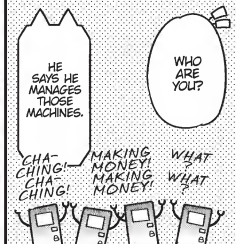
THANK
GOODNESS
YOU'RE
SAFE,
CLARA-
RIN!

NENE,
CALM
DOWN.

I'M
RIGHT
HERE.

VOLT

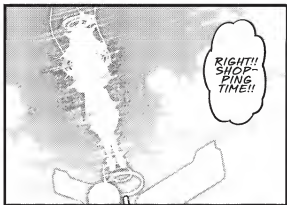
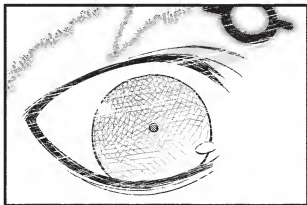
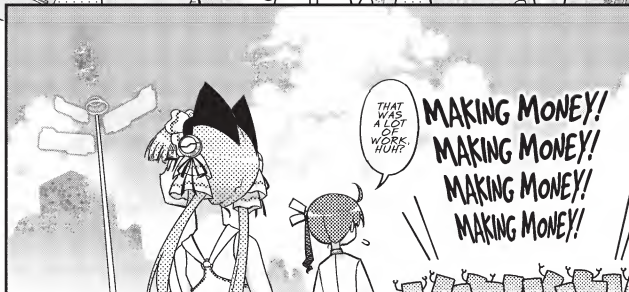
CLARA-
RIN--!
WHERE'S
CLARA-
RIN?!





IT'S
PERFUME FOR
PROSTHETICS!
¥
A BRAND-
SPANKIN' NEW
PRODUCT.
WE'RE
AWFULLY
PROUD
OF IT.
¥





WAR, DISASTER, FAMINE, POVERTY...
THE WORLD IS FULL OF ALL SORTS
OF DEVASTATING THINGS.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
CLARA-RIN?

SEARCHING FOR SALVATION, PEOPLE
WANDER ALONE IN THE DARKNESS.

IT'S
NOTH-
ING.

MM...

Trot
Trot
Trot...

LET'S
GO!

WHAT'S HAPPENING
NOW HAS NOTHING TO
DO WITH ANY OF THAT.

THIS
IS A
STORY...



IN
WHICH
GIRL
MEETS
GIRL.



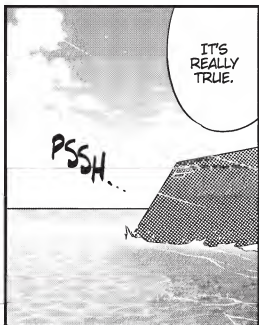
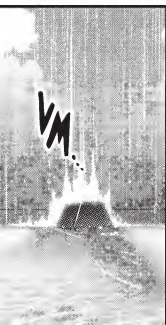
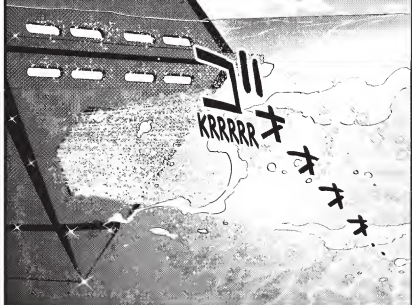
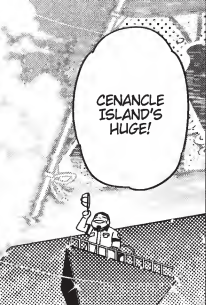
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MONEY!
MAKING
MONEY!
MAKING
MONEY!

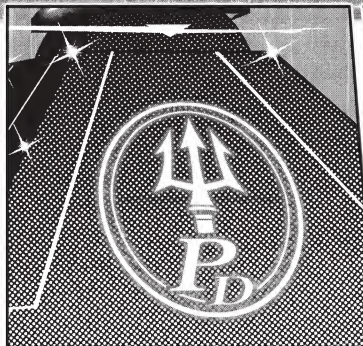
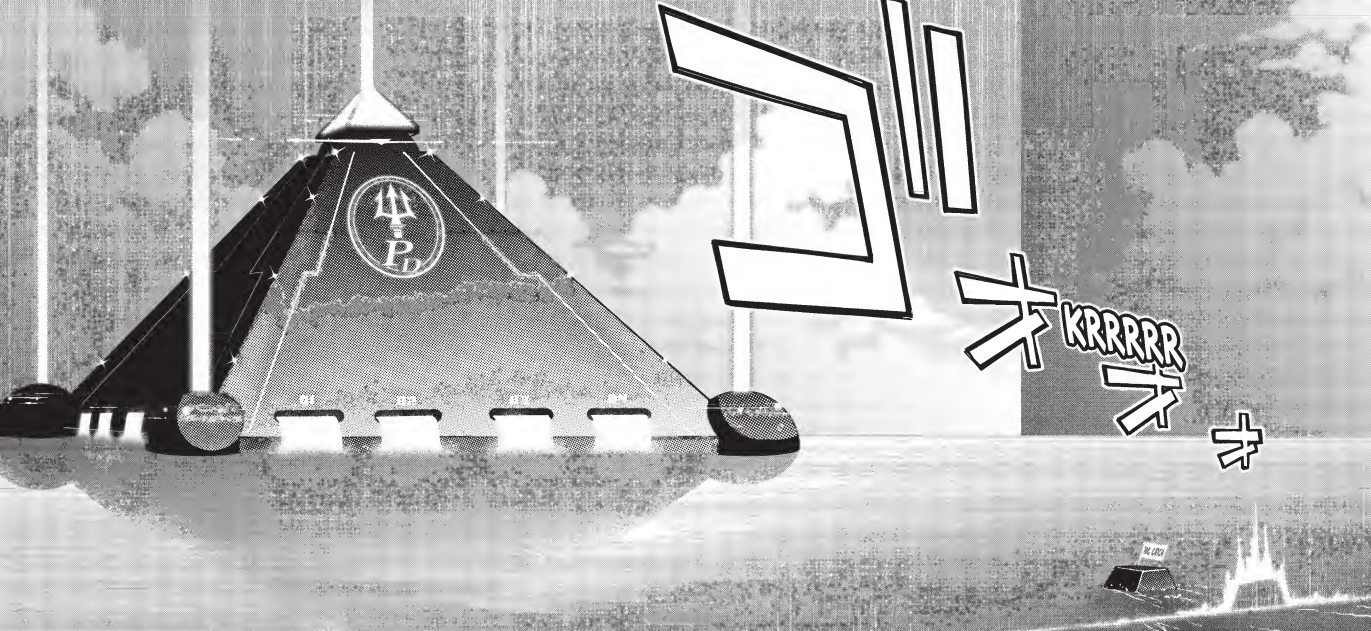
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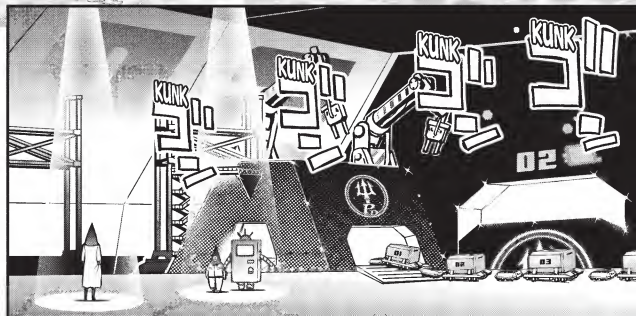
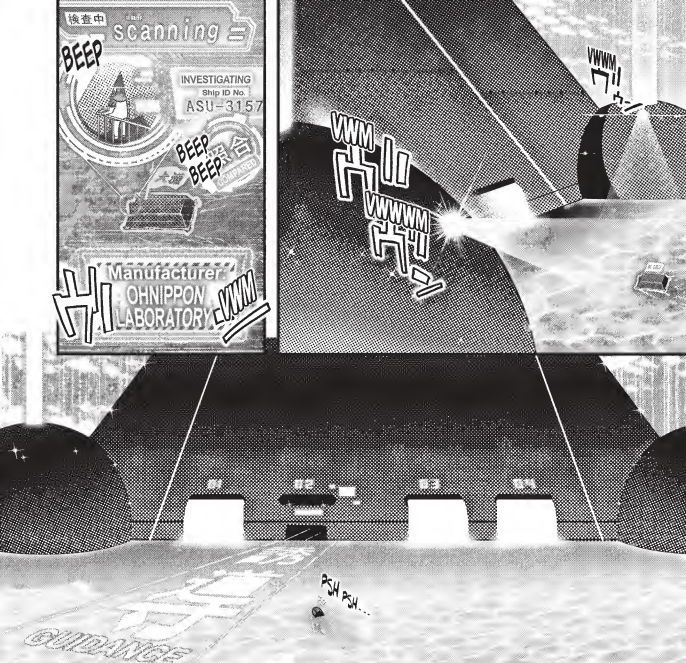
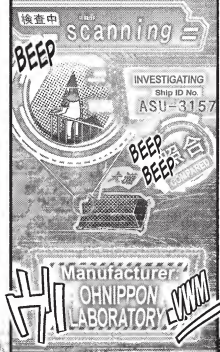


MAKING
MONEY!
MAKING
MONEY!











IN THE
NAME
OF THE
APOLLO
SEED
PROJECT
!!



IN THE
NAME
OF THE
APOLLO
SEED
PROJECT
!!



SURE,
SURE,
I GOT
WHAT
YOU
ASKED
FOR.

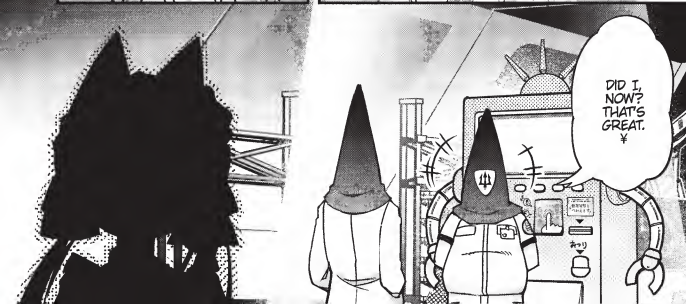
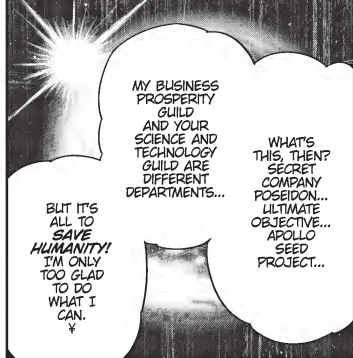
THE
PRODUCT?

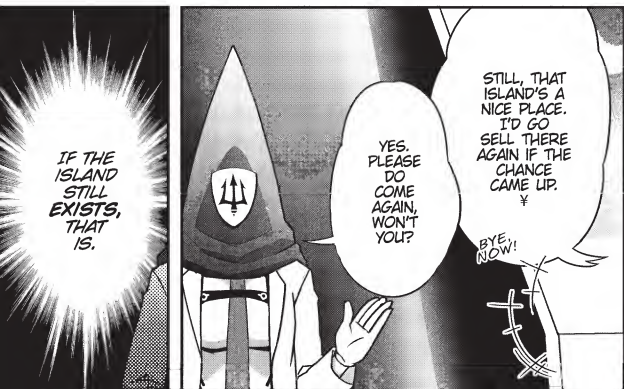
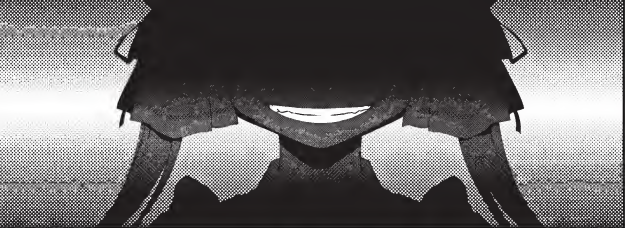
SEEMS
PRETTY
STURDY.
IT REALLY
SHOWS OFF
HOW SERIOUS
WE ARE
ABOUT THIS
OPERATION.
¥

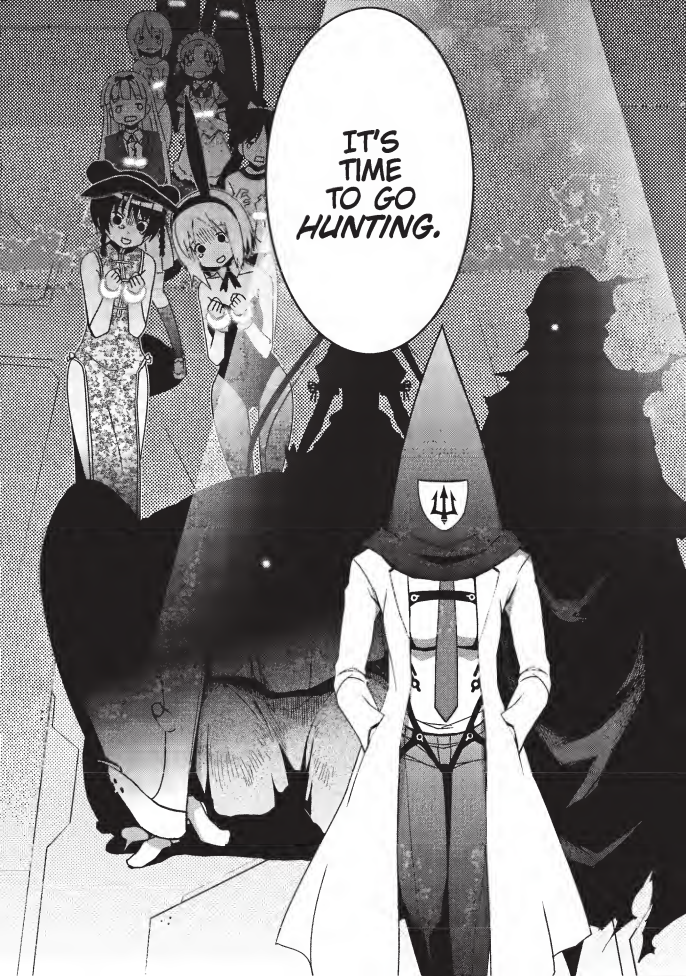
NAVAL
TRANSPORT
FORTRESS
CETUS.

OOOH,
SO THIS
IS OUR
MOBILE
BASE.
IT'S
FINALLY
READY!
IT'S
GIANT!
¥

Blip

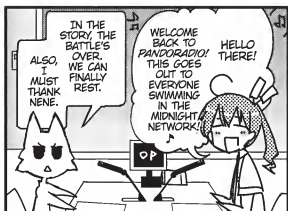


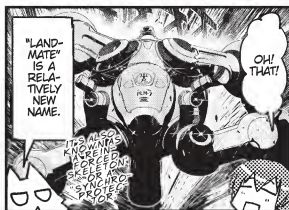


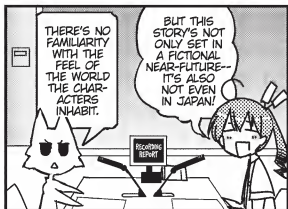
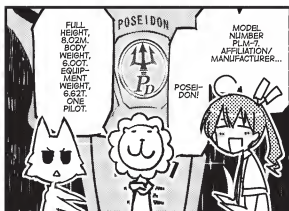


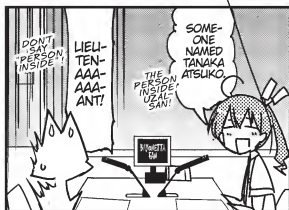
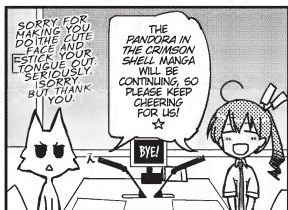
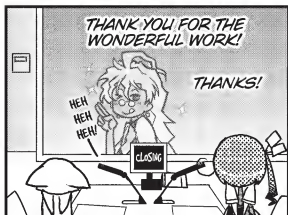
IT'S
TIME
TO GO
HUNTING.

...TO BE CONTINUED









ORIGINAL DESIGN SKETCHES

The reason the roughs for the Poseidon ships have so few details is that they weren't really the ones meant to be used. These images were more about tossing out ideas--"maybe like this?" Then, if Rikudo-shi actually used it in the manga, more details like the frequency of use and the use oreo/composition could be added as necessary, or could be condensed and deformed.

I don't think there's any real directionality for on anime's image board. This kind of work process doesn't exactly have any defined commonalities or rules for ports. So for the overage reader, I thought it'd be good if the design allowed a light topic of conversation, like "Oh, at first it was built like this, but by the end, we'd done tons of revisions, so this is how it wound up."

The shape doesn't rely on fluid mechanics at all. (LOL) That's because this vessel isn't so much meant to move efficiently in one direction; instead, it hangs out at one set of coordinates, and it's usually stored inside the mother ship. When that's inconvenient, it has a tugboat. In other words, it can travel under its own power, so technically it's a ship, but really it's better to think of it as a float. The row of holes dotting it (slits) aren't only for exhaust from vents (when submerged). They're also for jettison ocean water for use in assisting propulsion or controlling balance.

The thing with the vending machines wasn't my idea originally. Hogone-shi brought the notion to the table. That's someone I've been stuck with since the doujinshi Atlas days. He'd thought of it years ago but never used it, so I said, "If you're not using this idea, can I?" and he said "Sure" (meaning he didn't mind), so I brought it to life via Rikudo-shi.

Since the idea flowed from Hogone-shi through me and then through Rikudo-shi, the feel and details changed, but that was inevitable. I'll get him to give up on the whole thing...

If it's not too much of a hassle, maybe silver coloring or something for the hat so that just that part shines and gleams. Or a device to shine a laser light into the air to project commercials while it's stopped could work too.

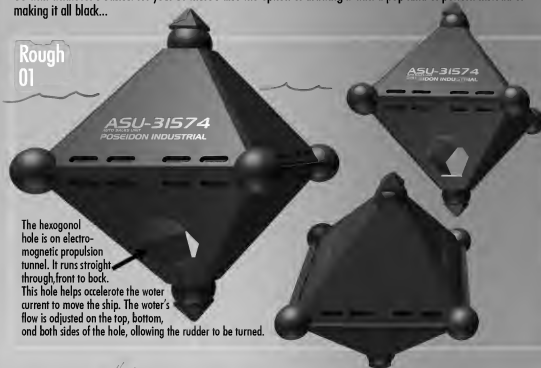


This time, we're showcasing the rough notes for the target image of the Poseidon semi-submersible.

Rough image of the Poseidon ship.

If it's a semi-submersible, then I think it doesn't need to be all that detailed. How about something like this? I was thinking of something like the logo of a certain secret society and something giving the impression of takoyaki. Go with whatever's easiest for you. Or there's also the option of drawing it with a pop kind of pattern instead of making it all black...

Rough
01



Rough
02



Greetings! (For the eighth time!)

Thanks to your support, *Pandora in the Crimson Shell* became an anime! It had a two-week limited theatrical engagement in December 2015 and then was broadcast as a TV series beginning in January 2016. That's the fruit of all the hard work from everyone involved, starting with Rikudo-shi himself. I pray that someone out there is delighted by and has fun with Rikudo-shi's manga, of course, as well as the anime version. (I always pray for that kind of thing, but this is pretty difficult.)

I mentioned before that this was originally conceived of as an anime project, but it's not like I was trying to force the project down that path. How projects develop is always mysterious. While I was busy staring off into space, someone else involved in all this was working hard. (A million thanks!) What I personally saw was Rikudo-shi shouldering the burden of getting up on stage to say a few words, as well as tweeting to count down to the film screening (with pictures!). I want to take this chance to express my enormous appreciation.

Possibly this should have been said earlier, but the English "urn" in the title isn't an acronym for "uniform resource name." It comes from the Greek for pot/jar. In ancient Greece, the so-called "Pandora's box" was probably really an urn, so that was a tentative title. (The word doesn't only cover funeral urns. It also has a broader meaning, referring to urns for storing food, drink, or medicines.) It's also not "Uran." (LOL)

For instance, with the six "ghosts in the urn" of the six wicked women appearing in a total of six chapters (it's different now, but whatever), they're configured with the subtle notion that that there is a chain of the urn being broken and the true nature being exposed in each chapter.

In another story that comes from the same core idea, *Ghost in the Shell: Arise* (not "ah-ree-seh" --it's "ah-raiz"), the false memory and dead end by Ubukata-shi are the keywords (many thanks), while here in *Ghost Urn*, the implication is that information manipulation and forced perception of sound are caught on the blind hope contained in Pandora's box in the end. (Not "hope" in a good sense, but in the sense of the worst possible disaster.)

In this work, at this time, it's a title with a bit of a question mark to it. But hey, that's also part of the story. I appreciate your indulgence. (And sorry!)

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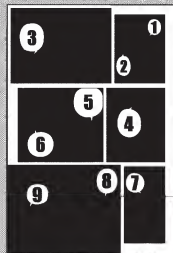
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